

PREFATORY NOTE

THIS volume contains the letters sent from Fort St. David during the year 1750 and is the third in the series of records known as “ Letters from Fort St. David.”

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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. DAVID 1750

(VOLUME No. 3)

Nº. 1

To RICH^d. PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
& C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have rec^d yours of the 26th. Ult^o. likewise the Packet that accompanied it from the President & Council of Fort William.

Altho^h. Marmelon is under the Jurisdiction of St. Thomé & certainly one of the Dependencies of Madrass, M^r. La Metrie may have permission to reside at his House there untill You receive our further Directions in that respect.

We observe what you mention regarding the theft committed by Maulrauze's people to prevent which in future We shall in few Days appoint a new Polligar.

As the Expen^{ce} of maintaining the Seapoys likewise the Horses that are kept with you for the security of the place & the Slaves occasions our pay master's Acco^{ts}. into which they have been hitherto brought to amount to a large Sum, We direct that the same in future is discharged by you & brought into your monthly Acco^{ts}. likewise all other charges You may be at.

We have rec^d your Storek^{rs}. Indent which as far as We have it in our power shall be complied with when opportunitys offer, Part of the Stationary as you represent the immediate want of it, accompanys this by Cooleys.

Linga Chittee informing Us that part of the Chay Goods have been deliver'd at your place, you must get them packed immediately & forward them to Us, as You are furnished with Conveyances. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^t. Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
3^d. JANUARY, 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^d. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.
„———„
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 2

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^a. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have rec^d your Letter of the 21st. Novem^r. & inclosed send you the Duplicate of our last of the 16th. Ult^o. since when arrived here from England our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Augusta Cap^t. Thomas Parker, bound for this place & China, she sail'd sometime in February last, but having fallen to Leeward was obliged to proceed to Malacca & is now come from thence. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^t. Friends

FORT ST. DAVID,
8th. JANUARY, 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^d. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.
„———„
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 3

TO MR. ROBT. GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR,

Our last bore Date the 16th. Ult^o. & carried Your first Bill of Exch^g. for Mads^s. Pagodas ten thousand (10,000) the second for which We now send you inclosed & the Duplicate of our said Letter.

We have reced what you wrote Us under 1st. Ult^o. likewise Your Books for last Year.

The 26th. Ult^o. imported with Us our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Augusta Cap^t. Thomas Parker from England, which she left some time in February last but having fallen to Leeward of this port was obliged to proceed for Malacca from whence she is now of this Port was obliged to proceed for Malacca from whence she is now arriv'd. We are

SIR

Your Affect^t. Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^r. WYNCH
&c^a.

FORT ST. DAVID,
8TH. JANUARY, 1749.

N^o. 4

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

We have been favour'd with what you wrote Us under the 25th. Septem^r. & now send You inclos'd the Duplicate of our last of the 7th. October by our Hon^{ble} Masters own Ship Duke of New Castle the Commander of which having omitted to send ashore at Fort St. George 30 half pieces of Blue Cloth which We put on bo^d. him for that place, & which We were unacquainted with when he left Us, We are therefore to request You will demand the same of him & bring the amount of it to Our Credit.

On the 19th. of October saild the Hon^{ble} Rear Admiral Boscawen in the Exeter for Great Britain taking wth. him all his Majesty's Ships & Vessels except the Vigilant, Ruby, Tartar, Syren & Swallow Snow on board the former of which is Commodore Lisle who sail'd for the Eastward, & We understand by the Elizabeth that arrived from Atcheen the 25th. Ult^o. was there when she came away.

The Chesterfield & Royal George belonging to our Hon^{ble} Masters have both been Dispatch'd for Europe the former near loaded the 12th. October & the latter about eighty Tonns dead freighted the 2^d. Nov^r. The Fort St. George We have sent to Madagascar for a Cargo of Slaves whither She proceeded the 1st. Nov^r. & by advices from Bengal We learn that the Prince William, Edgbaston & Tavistock were to be dispatch'd from thence directly for England the Wolpole for Judda & the Severn & Britannia for Surat. The Dragon in Consequence of the Directions of our Hon^{ble}. Masters sail'd for Your Coast the 1st. Ult^o. & must before this reaches you We imagine be arrived with you.

The Augusta that left England some time in February bound for this place & China having fallen to Leeward was obliged to go to Malacca from whence she arrived the 26th. Ult^o. & brings advice that all our Hon^{ble} Masters shipping of last Year bound from hence to China had pass'd that port in safety. We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

Your most h^{ble} Serv^{ts}.

CHA^s. FLOYER &C^A. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. DAVID,
8 JANUARY, 1749.

Nº. 5

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS OF ANJENGO.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

Our last to You was by our Hon^{ble} Masters own Ship Duke of New Castle & bore date the 7th. Oct^r. of which you will now receive Duplicate inclosed since when We have not been favour'd with any from you.

On the 19th : of October sail'd the Hon^{ble}. Rear Admiral Boscawen in the Exeter for Great Britain taking with him all his Majesty's Ships & Vessels except the Vigilant, Ruby, Tartar, Syren & Swallow Snow on board the former of which is Commodore Lisle Who sail'd for the Eastward, & We understand by the Elizabeth that arriv'd from Atcheen the 25th. Ult^o. was there when she came away.

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WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

Your most hble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^D. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT ST. DAVID,
8TH. JANUARY, 1749.

Nº. 6

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILL^M. WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A.
COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Inclosed We send you Duplicate of what We wrote Your Hon^r. & C^A. the 20th. Oct^r. & have now to acquaint You with the receipt of your favours of the 28th. Septem^r. & 13th. October likewise with the arrival here of our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Augusta Cap^t. Thomas Parker the 26th. Ult^o. who having been drove to Leeward of this Place, proceeded to Malacca from whence She is now come, & has brought advice that all the hon^{ble}. Company's Shipping of last Year bound for Canton had passed that Port.

The 2^d. Novem^r. saild from hence for Great Britain, the Hon^{ble} Company's Ship Royal George dead freighted about eighty Tons, and the Day before We dispatch'd the Fort St. George to Madagascar for a Cargo of Slaves, with her sail'd the Elizabeth for Atcheen where she Winter'd & return'd hither again the 25th. Ult^o. & We are now preparing to dispatch her for Europe. By the Gentlemen in Bengal We are acquainted that the Prince William, Edgbaston & Tavistock will proceed directly from thence for Europe, The Walpole they intended on a Voyage to Juddah, & the Severn & Britannia for Surat; The Dragon in Consequence of the Hon^{ble} Company's Orders sail'd from thence for the Malabar Coast the 1st. Ult^o.

We have examin'd the Acco^t. Current with Your Presidency which your Ho^r &c^t. were pleased to transmi[t] Us, & now send you inclos'd one drawn out from our Books, by which you will observe that We have been short Credited the sum of Rupees two hundred seventy six, two Quarters, thirty raes (276, 2, 30) on Acco^t. of the Stores your Ho^r &c^t. rec^d from his Majesty's Ship the Winchester, also that You have Omitted Debting Us for the Cost & Charges of Building the Cuddalore Sloop and the Stores She was supplied with.

The Seapoys belonging to your Presidency, having desired to have an advance made them We accordingly complied therewith & inclosed send your Ho^r &c^t. an Acco^t. of what was paid them. We are.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.

EDWARD CROKE.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

ALEX^R. WYNCH.

—,,—
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT ST. DAVID,
11 JANUARY, 1749.

N^o. 7

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&c^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have rec^d your several Letters of the 2^d. 3^d. & 8th. Instant.

We wou^d have you send Us besides the Chay goods all the Cloth you may have on hand both Brown & white, freighting the same on any good Conveyances that can be procured.

The supply of Cash you have requested for advancing the Merchants shall be transmitted you in few Days, & We shall discharge the Expences of the Troop for last month as it has been already sent hither.

Inclosed We send you a Warrant appointing Jn^o. Moore, Master Carpenter of your Settlement, which must be deliver'd him accordingly, and as the priviledges thereby allowed him are very extensive you must be careful to prevent his making a bad Use of them. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^t. Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
11TH. JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.

EDW^D. CROKE.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

ALEX^R. WYNCH.

THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 8

TO THE HONBLE WILL^m. WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote you by a Pattamar under Date the 11th. Inst^t. and having reced by our Honble Masters Ship the Lapwing, who arriv'd here from Europe last night a packet from the Honble Court of Directors, for your Presidency, with Directions to forward it with all possible Expedition We now dispatch the same to You and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
17th. JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^d. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.
„———“
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 10 [sic]

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
& C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

This is only by Order of the President & Council to accompany the supply of thirty thousand Rupees (30,000) under Charge of thirty Peons of which you was advised this morning. I am with respect.

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
18th. JANUARY, 1749-50.

Your most hble Serv^t.
CH^s. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

Nº. 9 [sic]

TO RICH^d. PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
& C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

I am Order'd by the Presid^t. & Council to advise that thirty Thousand (30,000) Rupees will be sent you overland this Evening by Oxen under Charge of thirty Peons. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most hble Serv^t.

FORT ST. DAVID,
18th. JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHA^s. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 11

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^T. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have reced your several Letters of the 9th. & 12th. Inst. likewise Mr. Moses's Answer to Mr. Jones's Letter, w^{ch}. We have perus'd, & our Opinion and Advice thereon is that both Mr. Jones & Mr. Moses shou'd reciprocally deliver Copys of all papers and Accounts relating to their Affairs in partnership also that Mr. Greenhaugh shou'd be satisfied for the Money Mr. Jones reced of him on Accot^t. of the House as soon as which is complied with, We shall give Mr. Jones a permit to Cap^t. Wills to receive him & his necessarys on board the Elizabeth, and with which It is our Directions that You acquaint him.

On the Ship Success that sail'd last Night for your place We sent you four Chests of Rupees containing thirty two thousand, and some packing stuff for which you have Invoices & Bills of Lading inclosed also Invoice for Rupees thirty thousand (30,000) sent you overland yesterday. We have reced here of Mr. John Smith the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) Rupees which was advanced him when at your place for Disbursements and was more than he had occasion for likewise of Major Lawrence the Sum of two hundred & seventy five pagodas (275) paid him in part of his Salary, which his Attorney reced for him here, therefore We shall duely Credit your Settlement for both those Amounts.

Linga Chittee being under a Contract with Us to take all the Hoñble Company's Broad Cloth; As he may have occasion for any part of what is in your Godowns it must be deliver'd to his people and you must observe that it is not to be disposed of to any one else except in small quantitys for the particular Use of the Inhabitants.

On the Success went Ensign Spear & seven Men belonging to your Garrison, and Cap^t. Herriot must be paid for Mr. Spear's passage, the Usual allowance given to Officers for their traveling Charges & what is customary for Dieting the Men. As We have thought proper to raise the allowance of the Troopers half a pagoda to each man ^{per} Month, the same must be added to their pay but continued in the paymasters Hands as a fund for their Cloathing. We have appointed the late polligar of Madrass, again to that Station & given him Orders to proceed there immediately his Cowle shall be forwarded by another opportunity.

The 16th. in the Evening imported with Us our Hoñble Masters Ship Lapwing Who left England the 11th. Septem^r. & We shall dispatch for the Bay in few Days. We have reced the Duplicate of your Letter of the 15th. inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for five Bales of Broad Cloth by a Mussoolah that arriv'd yesterday.

Herewith We send you first Bill of Exchg. for five hundred pounds Sterling, on Coja Miguel De Gregous in favour of the Hoñble Company which must be immediately tender'd for acceptance, & for payment when due. The Letter of advice accompanys it. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^t. Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
19TH. JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^D. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 12

TO M^{RS}. ANTONIA DE MEDEIROS.

MADAM

I am directed by the Hoñble the President & Council to acknowledge their having reced the Letter you wrote them the 19th. Inst. N.S. and to let you know that it was in obedience to the particular Directions of the Hoñble Company that Coja Miquel's Bond was discharged & that the like regard will be paid to yours when they may think proper to favour Us with Orders for that purpose without which they have it not in their power to discharge even the Interest that may be due thereon. I am

MADAM

Your most humble Serv^t.

CH^S. BOURCHIER, Sec^{ry}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
19TH. JANUARY, 1749-50.

Nº. 13

TO THE REV^D. FATHER SEVERINE
CAPUCHINE MISSIONARY AT MADRASS.

REV^D. SIR

The Duplicate of your Letter to the Hoñble the President & Council bearing Date the 8th. Septem^r. 1749, I am now by their Direction to acknowledge the receipt of & to acquaint you they have it not in their power to comply with the request you have therein made them to be paid the Interest due on the Money lent the Honble Company at Fort St. George belonging to the Orphans, having reced as yet no Directions to discharge any Demands that may have been due at Fort St. George before it was taken by the French excepting a Bond in favour of Coja Miquel de Gregorio but when they think proper to favour Us therewith You may be assured that due notice will be taken of that you now mention. I am

REV^D. SIR

Your most humble Serv^t.

CH^S. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
19TH. JANUARY 1749-50.

Nº. 14

TO M^R. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

The Phoenix Snow arriv'd here the 15th. Inst. by whom We reced your Letter of the 6th. and the two hundred & seventy three Bales also forty three Bales by the Boat Suncrapollam who came in with her, agreeable to the Invoices & Bills of Lading that accompanied them.

We observe what you mention concerning the large proportion of fine goods sent Us and having transmitted You our Directions with regard to the quantity to be provided in future We have only to add at present that the same must be duely complied with.

By the Lapwing that arriv'd here the 16th. Inst. having reced particular Directions from Our Hoñble Masters with regard to stating an Accot^t. of Quick Stock, We therefore inclosed send you an Extract of their said Commands for Your Guidance therein, & to which you must strictly conform.

They take notice of the Neglect We were guilty of In not transmitting them the Books from the Nothern Settlements occasion'd by their not arriving till after the Departure of the Shipping for Europe, to prevent which Complaint in future, particular care must be taken to forward Us Your Books as early as possible.

The Duplicate Acco^t. Sortments of your Cloth, likewise the Duplicate of our last, come herewith.

By this Vessal you will receive a supply of eight thousand five hundred (8500) Mad^s. Pagodas as ^{is} Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd, & We are

SIR

Your Affect^t. Friends

FORT ST. DAVID,
27 JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^d. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 15

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^t. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

By Our Honble Masters Ship Lapwing that Imported with Us the 16th. Instant You will receive Eighty (80) Chests of Rupees as ^{is} Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd, in lieu of eighty Chests of Bullion she brought out for your Presidency, for which We shall give Acco^t. Curt^t. London Credit in our Books & Debt your Presidency for the Rupees.

Inclos'd We send your Hoⁿr & c^t. a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, reced by the Augusta Captn. Tho^s. Parker who arriv'd here the 26th. Ult^o. from Malacca where she was obliged to proceed having fallen to Leeward of this place; the Broad Cloth she has on board for your Presidency, We shall forward by the first good Conveyances that offers.

Being in much need of a supply of Packing Stuff We are to request your Hoⁿr & c^{as}. Compliance with the Inclos'd Indent by the first Opportunity.

We are Loading our Honble Masters Ship Elizabeth for Europe who will be Dispatch'd in few Days, & are to acknowledge the receipt of your Hoⁿr & c^{ts}. favavours [*sic*] of the 4th. & 21st. Ult^o.

The Ship having on board large Consignments of private Silver & Coral for the Gentlemen at Madrass, We have directed the Commander to call there to land the same after w^{ch}. to lose no time in making the best of his way to your Hon^r. & c^t. & as We observe it is our Honble Masters Intentions that she shoul'd be sent home again this Season, should your Hoⁿr & c^t. not be able to comply with their Commands in that respect, We think proper to acquaint you that by the latter end of April or begining of May, We shall be furnish'd with sufficient to load her with, w^{hn}. she may be Dispatch'd for Europe, if you Judge it most for our Honble Masters Interest to return her to Us. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. hble serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
29TH. JANRY, 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER & C^t. COUNCIL.

Nº. 16

TO CAPT. FRANCIS CHEYNE
OF SHIP LAPWING.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board & make the best of your way to Fort St. George, where you are to remain no longer than to land the Coral & private Silver You have on bd. for the Gentlemen at that Place, after which You must lose no time in proceeding for the River of Bengall & on your arrival at Fort William, deliver the accompanying Letter to the President & Council there Whose Orders are to direct your future proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 29th. day of January 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 17

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^T. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have reced your's of the 25th. & send you this by our Hoñble Masters Ship Lapwing Whose Commander has our Directions to remain no longer at your Place than to land the Coral & Silver he has on board consign'd to the Gentlemen residing with you, after which He is to lose no time in proceeding to Bengall.

A Copy of our Hoñble Masters Commands to Us by this Ship having been transmitted by the President to the Deputy Gov^R. such part thereof as it is necessary you shou'd be acquainted with he will communicate to you & to which strict regard must be paid, particularly to what relates to the stating of the Acco^t. of Quick Stock which must be forwarded to Us drawn out in the form directed by the Hoñble Court of Directors, upon receipt hereof likewise all other Books & Papers that are to be sent to Europe as We purpose dispatching the Elizabeth the 5th. of next Moth.

We approve of what you have done with regard to the Bill Drawn on Coja Miguel de Gregorio by Marut Marcar which as soon as protested must be transmitted to Us.

We have reced the sixty five Bales of Cloth by the large Boat & two Mussoolas & now return you the Tarpawlins that came with them likewise those that accompanied the five Bales of Broad Cloth being in all nine.

Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah & Nella Chittee late the Hoñble Company's Merchants at Madrass, having this day deliver'd Us their Acco^{ts}. with the Company We now send them You inclos'd to be examin'd in like manner as We directed those already forwarded You belonging to Tellesinga Chittee & Sunca Ramah & their Partners, your remarks on which, whether they agree with the Books, We wou'd have you send Us immediately as We intend transmitting Copys of the said Acco^{ts}. by the Elizabeth to our Hoñble Masters. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affect^t. Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
29th. JANUARY, 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 18

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^T. COUNCIL OF
FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

The Success Galley being bound to Your Place inclos'd We send You Duplicate of our last bearing Date the 17th. Sept^r. which being a private Vessell, & as We are unacquainted what Supplys You may have Occasion for, You will receive none by her, But upon the Brilliants return if We find You are in immediate want of any She shall be sent back to You directly.

The 19th. October Admiral Boscawen left this Place for England, with all his Majesty's Ships and Vessels except the Vigilant, Ruby, Tartar, Syren & Swallow Snow, which are to remain in India some time longer under the Command of Commodore Lisle, who is gone, in the Vigilant, to the Eastward, and the beginning of December was at Acheen. Our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Chesterfield, We dispatch'd the 11th. of October for Great Britain, the Royal George the 2^d. November and the Elizabeth the 12th. Instant. Their Ship the Augusta bound for this Place & China, having lost her Passage hither last Year went to Mallacca & Arrived here from thence the 26th. Dec^r. and when the Season will permit we shall dispatch her for Canton. The Lapwing arriv'd with Us from England the 16th. Ult^o. which she left the beginning of September & by her our Hon^{ble} Masters have acquainted us that they have sent the Swallow to Madagascar to purchase a Cargo of Slaves for this Place, & direct us after she has deliver'd them here to return her thither again for a second Cargo for the Use of Your Settlement But as We sent the Fort St. George there the 1st. November for the same Purpose we shall as soon as the Swallow arrives here dispatch her to You with the Cargo She may bring & reserve for our own Use, what We may receive by the Fort St. George. The Lapwing sail'd from hence for the Bay the 30th. Ult^o. We are

FORT ST. DAVID

16TH. FEBRUARY, 1749-50.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

C. F.

E. C.

S. L.

A. W.

F. W.

T. C.

N^o. 19

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. CHIEF
& C. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The Cuddalore Sloop bound to Bengal being design'd to call at Your Place by her You will Receive three Chests of Rupees as ^{per} Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd, and by the first good Opportunity we shall send You a further Supply.

The 16th. Ultimo arriv'd here from England our Hon^{ble} Masters own Ship Lapwing, having had a Passage of four Months and a few Days. By her the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors take particular Notice, that the Books of your Settlement for some Seasons past have not been regularly transmitted them occasion'd by their arriving with Us too late to go with our Annual Books, and which your Dilatoriness in forwarding them now to Us, we are concern'd to say, will still furnish them wth. Cause to complain of. This piece of Neglect, as you have so much time to Ballance them in We cannot admit of any longer, therefore must insist upon their being sent Us for the future as early as possible otherwise We shall be under a Necessity of representing the same to our Hon^{ble} Masters in a Light that will not be very favourable & which we shall be glad to have no Occasion for.

By this Ship also We have receiv'd particular Directions with Regard to stating an Account of quick Stock we therefore enclos'd Send You an Extract of the Commands of our Honble Masters for Your Guidance therein to which You must strictly Conform.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

19TH. FEBRUARY, 1749/50.

Your most Affectionate Friends

C. F.
E. C.
S. L.
A. W.
F. W.
T. C.

N^o. 20

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received Your several Letters of the 25th. Ultimo, 1st. 3^d. & 7th. Instant as also the Books and Papers that came with the former and by the first Sea Conveyance shall send You the Sundrys Indented for by the Commissary of Stores.

The Rupees that are deliver'd the Merchants in Advance, must be at the Current Price, and as we Approve of the Method You Mention of Debting them for what they Receive and giving them Credit for the Cloth they bring in, You will duely Observe the Same.

At the Expiration [*sic*] of the time limited for the Exemption of Customs, We direct the Continuance of that Indulgence still for Six Months, on Grain and Provisions, also on all Goods brought in from the Country, of which You must give Publick Notice, But those Imported by Sea must Pay the Usual Customs the Quit Rent and Scavenger's Duty, we think it highly Necessary should be collected therefore would have it done as You Propose by Shewing a Proper Regard to the Present Circumstances of the Inhabitants.

We take Notice of the Mention You make of the Offers You have receiv'd for Renting the Farms at Your Place, likewise of the Method Prescrib'd by the Honble Company for the Disposal of them, but we think Proper to defer letting them Out as Yet though When we may Judge it Necessary, shall let You hear further from us.

You have Our Permission for Receiving of Mr. Smith the Fanams he has Requested to Refund; and We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionet [*sic*] Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,

20TH. FEBRUARY 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 21

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received Your Letters of the 26th. Ultimo, and 6th. Instant and with the former the Copy of one to You from the Rev^d. Mr. George Swynfen, Representing the Present Insufficiency of the Church Stock to defray the Wages of the Servants belonging to the Church, and some other Expences Which Appear to be Immediately Necessary, Wherefore it is our Directions that the Same be done at the Hon^{ble} Companys Charge and that You have it Accordingly Executed.

The Bengal Rice Which You Acquaint us damages so fast, must be Expos'd to Sale in small Quantities dailey in the Buzar, and sold at the best Price that can be got for it, and as the Present Disturb'd State of the Country will we Imagine Occasion a Scarcity of that Article soon, it is not to be doubted, but this Method will be more Advantageous to the Hon^{ble} Company than hav^g. it sent Hither as a great Loss Would Certainly Accrue in Transporting it to and from the Conveyance that Might bring it.

The Slaves brought us by the Chesterfield being twenty Six Men, Six Women and two Boys Amount to Pagodas Six Hundred & forty Six, & Sixty Nine Cash (646,, --, 69) for which You must give the Presidency Credit.

In a Petition sent us by Mr. George Jones bearing date the 26th. Ult^o. He Represents Having Receiv'd from You an Order to deliver in Copys of all Pap[ers] and Accounts relating to his Affairs in Partnership with Mr. Moses and to sat[isfy] Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh for the Sum Paid by him in Part for the Purchase of the House belonging to Mr. Jones and Moses Which leads Us to Imagine that You Misunderstood. What we said in our Letter of the 19th. January, Wherein You will Observe You were only acquainted with our Openion and Advice on that Affair and directed to tell Mr. Jones that as Soon as he and Mr. Moses had Reciprocally deliver'd each other Copys of all papers and Accounts Relating to their affairs in Partnership, and Mr. Greenhaugh was Satisfied, on Account of the Aforementioned Sum Paid by him to Mr. Jones, a Permit would be Immediately granted Mr. Jones to be Receiv'd on board the Elizabeth Which we Conceive can no way bear the Construcion of such an Order as he Represents to have Receiv'd or that it was our Intentions to have Prevented his Proceeding to Europe as he Imagines, had he refus'd Complying with what it was our Opinion in Equity he ought to have done. Therefore to us it appears that this must have Proceeded from a Misapprehension of what we wrote You, which as it may in some Cases create very Pernicious Consequences, We cannot Sufficiently Recommend to You to be more Carefull of in future: At the Request of Mr. Jones whom we think equally Entitled to a Copy of what has been Exhibited Against him, as Mr. Moses to a Copy of his Letter of Complaint to You, it is therefore our Directions that You furnish him with a Copy of Mr. Moses's Reply to his said Letter as also of all the Papers that were deliver'd in at the same time.

As it is Necessary that the Company should have in Store at Your Place some Arrack for the use of the Slaves, and Mr. Westcott Having tendered to us Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Gallons which is now laying there, We direct that You receive the same, and Credit this Presidency for it at the rate of Pagodas Fifty (50) for One Hundred and fifty Gallons.

Having thought Proper to lessen the rent of the House Inhabited by Mr. Westcott, You are therefore from the last of February, to receive for it only after the Rate of Twelve (12) Pagodas ^{per} Month.

The Fort St. George Leidger [sic] Commencing the 1st. May 1742 & endg. 30th. April 1743 We would have You send us by the first good Conveyance by Sea, Also a Set of Consultations for 1742.

The Pollegar's Cowle which You are to deliver him comes herewith.

We are glad to Observe the Differences between the Casts are Accomodated and Approve of Your Dicision [sic] in that Respect.

We have been a good deal Surpriz'd at a Representation that Has been made to us of Your Having Abridg'd the Preveledges We granted to John Moore by Altering some of the Articles of our Agreement with him, Which we must say we think was Presuming too far, and that You ought first to have Acquainted us with it and Waited for our Order for such a Proceeding before You had put the same in Execution the Motives that Prompted You to which we require of You to inform us with and that You do not take upon you in future to alter any Agreements Made by us Without Obtaining our Permission for it.

Your Consultations and Cash Account for January which ought to Have been sent us the begining of last Month and those for last Month with the Paymasters & other Accounts of Expences for January the begining of this are not Yet come to hand which is not Complying with our Orders and What must be remedied in future by sending them by the 3^d. or 4th. of every Month at Farthest and at the foot of the Letter that Accompany's them the Quantity of Cloth You may have on hand.

As we see very Little Occasion for a Person to Act in the Capacity of Steward at Your Place, The Expences of the Coffrees and Seapoys must therefore be defray'd by the Paymaster.

We shall by the first Opportunity by Sea Agreeable to Your Request, forward You a Supply of Cash.

The President Having in a Private Letter Transmitted the Deputy Governour by a Cattamaran the 12th. directed that one of the Companys of Infantry should be kept in readiness to March at a Short Warning, You must therefore as Soon as You receive Advice from Major Lawrence when it may be Necessary for them to Proceed give Orders to Captain Macdonald with his Compy to follow the Instructions he may receive from the Major for that Purpose, and to Carry with him as Many Men of the Train as the Major m[a]y direct to Accompany him.

As we have determin'd that Vipary Church shall remain Vacant till our Honible Master's Pleasure is known, regarding it, our directions for putting the Danish Missionarys in Possession of it are thereby become Void, We would have You therefore look out for some other Place for them. We are

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
MARCH THE 16th. 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.

EDWARD CROKE.

„———„———„
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 22

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

We have this Day receiv'd Your Letter of the 14th. and as You will be Inform'd by ours of the 16th. that Your Decision. with regard to the Differences between the Casts has met with our Approbation, We Have therefore now only to Acquaint You that in Consequence of Your Desire it is our Directions that You Oblige both Parties to Comply therewith. We are

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
MARCH THE 19th. 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.

EDWARD CROKE.

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ALEXANDER WYNCH.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 23To M^r. GEORGE JONES

SIR

We have receiv'd Your Packet Containing Your Petition of the 26th. Ultimo, and take Notice of What You say Concerning an Order You had been Servd with by the Deputy Governour & Council, Which, was not Executed in Consequence of any Directions from us, having only Acquaint'd them, it was our Advice and Openion that M^r. Moses and Yourself should Reciprocally deliver Copies of all Papers and Accounts Relating to Your Affairs in Partnership, and that M^r. Greenhaugh Should be Satisfied for the Sum You Receiv'd from him in Part Payment for the House, & directed them to Acquaint You that We Should, When the same was Complied With, furnish Captain Wills with an Order to receive You on board the Elizabeth, but have no Where made Use of any Expression which can be Construed, that in Case of Denial thereof, We should have detain'd You in India against Your Will as You Imagine, for You have Our Consent to go Wherever Your Inclinations may lead You.

As we Have all along declin'd Concerning Ourselves in this Affair further than to give our Advice and Opinion on it, You will find that Your Sentiments with regard to our Having Prejudged in the Cause were very ill founded, and we shall not take upon us now to Interest Ourselves in it by Complying with Your several Requests, as many of them, We are of Opinion may interfere with the Law, But Your desire to Have Registered and Attested Your Several Protests against M^r. Moses and the two Bills of Sale, We have granted, and return them Inclosed, We have also directed the Gentlemen at Fort St. George to furnish You with Copys of what Has been Exhibited Against You by M^r. Moses and think it is highly Proper You should with Him, Interchangeably deliver Copies of all Papers and Accounts Relating to Your Affairs in Partnership Sign'd by each other, and as Arbitration is the most Equitable Method by which this Affair can be decided, and M^r. Moses has declar'd he is entirely Willing nay Desirous, to have it so determin'd, We Cannot Suffeciently Recommend to You the Consenting thereto likewise and are

SIR,

Your Humble Servant[s]

FORT ST. DAVID,
MARCH THE 28TH. 1749-50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

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ALEXANDER WYNCH.

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THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 24

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have duely receiv'd Your Several Letters of the 19th. 24th. & 26th. Ultimo and Monthly Papers, with Your Consultations for February, by the Detention of which, and Your not Acquainting us of the Steps You had taken with regard to John Moore Occasion'd us to Credit in some Measure the Intimation We receiv'd of Your Having Infring'd the Priviledges, We had granted him; Which We Observe was not the Case and that You had Sufficient Reason for making the Regulations You did to Check His Insolent Behaviour, However it was What We ought to Have been Advis'd of, and in any Material Cases, Expect that You do so Hereafter befor[e] You come to any determination.

We Observe the Reasons You give for Having Requir'd of M^r. Jones, What You were directed but to Recommend to him, to Which we shall only say, We must

Advise You to be Cautious in future of Committing Mistakes in the Manner of Executing our Orders, as what You Represent as Such, We can't Help being Still of Opinion was in some Measure Acting Contrary to them.

By the Speedwell Ketch, We receiv'd the Twenty two Bales belonging to Linga Chitty and Servanah Chitty, Also the Fort St. George Consultations and Leidger for 1742, and Captain Donald Campbell With the Detachment under his Command are safely Arriv'd here, the Water Casks that came With them have been return'd You by the Boats.

As we Understand Mr. George Jones has Refus'd to Pay the Establish'd Fees to the Secretary for reading Entering & Copying Several Papers deliver'd in by him, it is our directions that You Oblige him to discharge What he may be Indebted to Your Secretary on that Account.

Having Perus'd the Petition of Adrian Fourbeck and the Papers that Accompanied it, we think his Request so Reasonable that We direct You, Stop the Brigantine Belonging to the Persons he Mentions to be Indebted to his Constituents, and that You make a Strict Enquiry into the Affair and Acquaint us with Your Sentiments thereon after which We shall furnish You with directions for the Measures, We may think it proper Should be taken on the same.

As We are determin'd the Romish Church in the White Town, shall be Applied to no Use till We are Acquainted With the Honble Company's Resolutions Concerning it, You must Acquaint the Danish Missionarys, so, Who have Applied to us for it, and as we before directed, look out for a Proper Place for them.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN,

APRIL THE 3^D. 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
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ALEXANDER WYNCH.
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THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 25

TO THE HONBLE LEBREGT HOOREMAN ESQ^R. PRESIDENT
ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL & GOVERNOUR OF NEGAPATAM
&C^A. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd With Your Letter of the 7th. Instant N S. Accompanying one for Batavia, Which We shall be Carefull to forward thither by the first good Opportunity, being Very truly

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,

APRIL THE 7TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
„———„———„
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
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THOMAS COOKE.

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

We shall Dispatch to You in few days the Honble Company's Sloop Grampus with some Mideira Wine and shall by her send You a Supply of Treasure and Stationary as You have Requested in Your Letter of the 4th. to which We shall reply in a day or two, the Vizagapatam Packet & Books have Arriv'd With us also Your Consultations and Monthly Accounts.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS COOKE.

Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER & C^A. COUNCIL.

N^o. 28

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Our last to You was the 13th. Instant, We have since receiv'd Your Letter of the 7th. by the St. Nicholas that Arriv'd here the 15th. and are well pleas'd with Your having made the Contract for her Cargoe of Rice and Wheat which we are now landing the Duplicate came on hand the 14th.

The Hon^{ble} Companys Sloop Grampus Agreeable to what we Wrote You in our last, now Carry's You Eight Chests Containing Sixty Four Thousand (64000) Rupees also as much of the Stationary You indented for, as we are at present Able to Supply You with, and Thirty Pipes of Madeira Wine, the Price of which as we have dispos'd of it here is fifty (50) Pagodas & 3/4 Pipe.

We Plainly observe from what You mention that the dispens^e. with the Customs no ways Answers the Purpose that was Intended by that Indulgence and is only an Inconvenience, Wherefore we direct that the first of Next Month You fix the Customs as formerly on every Article Except Provisions on which no Custom must be taken.

The Gentlemen in Bengall having wrote to us for a Quantity of Redwood as Understand there is a Parcell belonging to the Estate of Mr. John Hallyburton at Your Place to be dispos'd of, We would have you Purchase it, and lade as much on board the Grampus & Bonetta, which We shall Also dispatch to You in few days, as they can take in, and the remainder freight on any good Conveyance bound to the Bay, as soon as the Grampus has deliver'd the Sundrys, we have sent You on Her, and taken on board the Redwood, You must give the Master of her, Orders to Proceed directly to the Bay.

We are not a little Astonished at Peter Denckers Declaration of being Incapable to discharge the Sum lent him by the Company as we are Pretty well Assur'd by the Help of that Money he reap'd great Advantage when here and make no doubt he does the Same now, therefore cannot admit of any Excuse for his not Immediately discharging [*sic*] it, which if he does not Chuse to do readily You must Compell him to it.

The Hon^{ble} Company having lent the Rev^d. Mr. Swyfen a Sum of Money in England to be paid out of his Salary here, We therefore now enclose his Bond for the same which he must Accordingly discharge.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

APRIL THE 18TH. 1750.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.

EDWARD CROKE.

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ALEXANDER WYNCH.

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THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 29

To Mr. ROBERT ROBERTON MASTER
OF THE SLOOP GRAMPUS.

SIR,

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Vessell and make the best of Your Way to Fort St. George, Where on Your Arrival You are to deliver the Accompanying Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council there and to follow such orders as You shall receive from them for Your further Proceeding, Dated in Fort St. David, this 19th. day of April 1760.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
„———„———„
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
„———„———„
THOMAS COOKE

N°. 30

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. CHIEF &C^A.
COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have to Acknowledge having receiv'd Your Several Letters of the 11th. & 20th. Febry & 16th. Ultimo, which we shall Answer in few days and have at Present only to Advise, that by this Conveyance, We send You Six Chests Containing forty Eight Thousand (48000) Rupees, as ^{per} Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd, out of which as Mr. Andrews may stand in need of Money must Supply him, and We shall Shortly send You a further Quantity as also of Pagodas.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
APRIL THE 20TH. 1750.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
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ALEXANDER WYNCH.
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THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 31

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday We dispatch'd to You our Honble Masters Sloop Grampus, and agreeable to What we Advised You in our Letter by her the Bonetta now Sails for Your Place, and after she has taken on board as much Redwood as She can carry You must dispatch her as You were directed to do by the Grampus directly to the Bay. We are

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
APRIL THE 20TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
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ALEXANDER WYNCH.
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THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 32

To M^r RICHARD RICCARDS MASTER
OF SLOOP BONETTA.

SIR,

You are hereby Order'd to Repair on board Your Vessell and make the best of Your way to the Port of Fort St. George where on Your Arrival You are to deliver the Accompanying Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council there & follow their Orders for Your further Proceeding, Dated in FORT ST. DAVID this 22^d. day of April 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
„———„
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
„———„
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 33

To THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES
OF SHIP AUGUSTA.

GENTLEMEN

Agreable to the Orders We have receiv'd from the Honble Court of Directors, We now dispatch to You the Augusta Cap^t. Thomas Parker, the Copy of Which Ships Charter Party, also of our Instructions to her Commander are Enclos'd. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
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ALEXANDER WYNCH.
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THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 34

To CAPTAIN THOMAS PARKER
OF SHIP AUGUSTA.

SIR,

You are Hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your Way to the Port of Canton in China Where on Your Arrival, You are to deliver the Accompanying Letter, to such Supra Cargoes as may be Ordered by the Honble Court of Directors, to Negotiate the Business of Your Ship there and to follow all such Orders as You shall Receive from them for Your future Proceeding.

And Whereas the Dutch have Pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward, this Pretention of Right to an Exclusive Trade Our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to and have Ordered us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in Defence of themselves but also English Country Ships With English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower & Order You that in Case the Dutch should Pretend to Obstruct the Company's Business or the Business of Your Ship or Endeavour to search Your Ship, On any Pretence or threaten to Act in any Hostile Manner or Commit any Hostility Against You that You defend Yourself Against any such Attacks and do Your Utmost to repel Force

by Force and to make Reprizals for any such Violances Committed Against Your Ship, or any other Ships that may be in Your Company with English Passes; Dated in Fort St. David this 23^d. day of April 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 35

TO THE REV^d. FATHER ANGELO DE S^{ta}. GERTUDE.

REV^d. SIR

The Hon^{ble} President & Council having receiv'd Your Letter to them of the 23^d. Ultimo they have directed me to Acquaint You that as they are themselves Much Engaged at Present in Negotiations on Account of the Hon^{ble} Company with Nazir Jing, they must therefore desire to be Excus'd Concerning themselves, With the Request You have made them to Solicit that Prince, in behalf of his Imperial Majesty for his Phirmaunds You are in want of. I am

REV^d. SIR

Your most humble Servant

FORT S^t. DAVID,
MAY THE 3^d. 1750.

CH^s. BOURCHIER, Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 36

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r. PRESIDENT
& GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have receiv'd Your Several Letters of the 2^d. January 26th. Febr^y and 8th. Ultimo, and by the Sloops, the Madeira Wine, Baftaes & Packing Stuff Your Honour & C^a. were Pleas'd to send us, Of the Packing stuff some Part was not only Damaged but Deficient in Quantity as Your Honour & C^a. will Observe by the Copies of our Warehouse keepers Report, relating thereto inclos'd, the Occasion of it, was demanded of the Commanders of the Sloops, And Mr. Riccards of the Bonetta attributes the damage to the bad Weather he met with in his Passage here, but the Defeciency he Assur'd us, he was entirely Ignorant of, having deliver'd us the whole Quantity he receiv'd at Your Place, Whereof We must leave it to Your Honour & C^a. to find out from whence it has Arisen, as Also to learn from Mr. Robertson What Occasion the damage in that he brought, Which he went away Without Acquaint^g. us with Altho it was demanded of him; by those Sloops Your Honour & C^a. will receive Part of the Red Wood Indented for, and having sent them to Fort St. George to take in as much, as they can Carry of a Parcell, We have lately Purchas'd there, in Consequence of Your Repeat^d. Requests for that Article, And as Conveyances may offer to Your Place We have directed the Deputy Governour & Council to send Your Honour & C^a. the Remainder on Freight, Which will be about the Quantity You desir'd The Augustas Broad Cloth shall be forwarded to Your Honour & C^a. by the first Vessel belong^g. to our Hon^{ble} Masters that We may dispatch to You from hence, There were Ten Pieces of it so much damaged, that we deliver'd it to Captain Parker, Who Paid for it, as Stipulated in his Charter Party Which we have replaced by some out of our Warehouse, That Ship saild the 29th. for Canton.

We have reced the Amount of the Bill, drawn on Mr. Alex^r. Mcpherson for which, We shall duely Credit Your Presidency; We have Also discharged the Bill Your Honour & C^a. drew on us for Arcott Rupees Twelve Thousand, in favour of

Edward Holden Cruttenden Esq^r. and shall suffer Ourselves in future to be drove to great Straits by y^e. want of Cash, before we draw any on Your Honour &c^a. as you Represent the late draughts, We made on You, To have so much distress'd You, Which we were then lead to by, the Apprehensions. We were Under of being entirely destitute of it, before there was the least Probability any Would Arrive with us from Europe, as You gave Bills on us for such large Sums in favour of Mr. Brett & Others, Altho, we had transmitted You all we could Possibly Spare from our own Occasions, and as We shall never Reserve any more than, We shall stand in Need of, for our Immediate Uses, We hope Your Honour &c^a. will also be Pleas'd to grant us The like favour of making no large draughts on us, With regard to the difference between the Rupees sent You by the Lapwing and the Bullion She brought for your Settlement, as the time she was lemitted to Stay, would Admit of only having Coind, What she Carried and that with the greatest difficulty, it was Actually Impossible to send You the remaining Part Then which was the only reason that Prevented it, and which we shall send You shortly, as it would have given us great Pleasure to have done now a Part of what the Augusta brought us, but our Northern Sett^{ts}. and other demands have left us barely Sufficient to Answer our Expences And Advances to our Merchants, Till we may reasonably Expect a further Supply will Arrive with us.

We shall take care to have ready what Advices we Intend to send our Ho^{ble} Masters by the Lapwing, As your Honour &c^{as}. Acquaint us, her Calling here will be for no other Purpose, that her Stay with us may be very Short.

Our Province Still Continues in a very Unsettled State and at Present, there is a great Prospect of it's Remaining so, as the French Persist in giving Assistance to Chunda Saib, Who with his Adherents it is not to be Doubted would otherwise have by this Time been Subdued by Nazir Jing, but on his Approach with a very Numerous Army, Chunda Saib's Party were Immediately join'd by all the Force that was then in Pondicherry, and it was Imagin'd would have Attacked him, Tho: Contrary to all Expectation, on his Marching Toward them, and giving them one day's Cannonading, it caus'd them to retreat in the Night and we believe in not a little Confusion as Eight Peices of Cannon of the French Train, and Several of their Wounded Men, were left and taken by the Enemy, after which they encamp'd within their own Bounds, Whe^r. Nazir Jing Suffer'd them to remain Quiet, and has since March'd to Arcot, by which, and Mahomud Ally Cawn's Son of the late Nabob Annaverdeen Cawn's being confirmd Nabob, We fear fresh Disturbances will soon arise, as the French have declared themselves Principals in a War Against the Moors as they Term it, and that as long as any of the Issue of Annavardeen Cawn remain in the Nabob ship, they will never Submit to a Peace; Muzepher Jing, and several others, who were Principals in This Rebellion Surrendered themselves at Discretion to Nazir Jing, Who has carried them with him Prisoners. On his Arrival at About 20 miles Distant from hence, We sent him a handsome Present and two of our Council, on an Embassey to him, and are Sorry to say our Affairs did not Answer so well, As we had reason to Imagine, However we have Yet Expectations that we shall Succeed in Procuring some beneficial Grants to our Ho^{ble} Masters.

We are Concern'd to Acquaint Your Honour &c^a. with the ill Success that has Attended the Walpole and Britannia the former having as it is reported, lost her Passage, and Continues at Point de Galle, and the latter has met with the same Misfortune and came in here the 2^d. Instant.

Inclos'd we send Your Honour &c^a. a Bond of Lawrence Witheringtons for 50 Pag^s. he borrow'd of the Ho^{ble} Company to be Paid out of his Growing Salary, Which as he Continues at Your Place You will therefore please to make him Comply with.

After having Wrote thus far Imported with us from us Great Britain, which she left the 30th. November the Honble Companys Ship Portfield Cap^t. Carteret Le Geyt, bound for Benjar and China, Who has brought us a Supply of Treasure, Wares & Stores, and we shall by the first Conveyance that offers send Your Honour &c^a. a part of the former.

A list of such Ships as were Arriv'd in England, before she came away, Also of those taken up for the Present Year, goes Enclos'd.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

MAY THE 6TH. 1750.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRE[N]CE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 37

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd Your Letters of the 20th. Ultimo & 4th. Instant also Your Consultations, and Monthly Accounts, And what we are now to Acquaint You with, is that we have determin'd the Brigantine St^a: Anna, With her Cargoe shall be sold at Outcry, for which You have our directions, as it is very Obvious, by Your Enquiry and the Information We have received from Mr. William Beawes lately Arriv'd from Manilha (of her having left that Port, upon the Gov^r. there sending for Coelho & Heytor, in Consequence of a Letter he receiv'd from Macao regarding her) that she does not Properly belong to them otherwise it is to be Imagin'd, they would have had no Occasion for sailing away so Precipitately, and as they own Themselves to be Indebted to Vicenla da Roza, What he charges them with, and it is Pretty Evident, it was with his Money. They Purchas'd, the said Vessell, We are of Openion that the Title Gregorio Jacob has to one Third of her (altho. it is Plain he bought the same of them) is not a secure one as they could have no Power to dispose or Mortgage any Part of her She being in reallity the Property of other Persons, and for that Reason When You have receiv'd what she and her Cargoe may Produce it must be disposed [sic] in the Honble Company's Cash, Till it can be Properly Decided how the same is to be Devided as we don't chuse to take Upon Ourselves to do it.

We entirely Approve of Your Behaviour towards Mr. Jones and as long as he Refuses Paying the Fees due to Your Secretary We would have You deferr giving him Copies of those Papers he Procur'd of our leave to be furnish'd with; A List of the Fees Establish'd herefor the Benefit of our Secretary he is Order'd to transmitt Mr. Walsh.

As the One hundred /100/ Pagodas Dencker said he Discharg'd here, was Paid to a Black fellow in Consequence of our Presidents directions The same must be deducted from the Amount of the Bond he gave us for what we paid him, the Quantity and Price of the Arrack as Inserted in the Invoice sent You by the Grampus being Erroneous, You must Pay no Regard to it, but what we wrote You in our Letter of the 16th. March on that Subject as that was the real Quantity and Price.

At Present we can think of no better method to get rid of The Rice than what You now make use of, therefore We would have You follow the same till the whole is dispos'd of.

The Lisle Capt. Michael Collings carried You some Medicines and the Sundries Indented for by Your Commissary of Stores, Invoice of which and Bill of Lading go Enclos'd.

The Honble Company's Ship Port field Capt. Carteret Le Geyt. Arriv'd with us the 6th. from England which She left the 20th. November and Enclos'd we send

You a List of Such Ships as were Arriv'd before she came away, Also of those Taken up for India this Season, We shall by the first good Opportunity send You Agreeable to Your Request a Supply of Rupees. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
10TH. MAY 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

P :S: having receiv'd by the Portfield directions from the Honble Company, not to Erect or restore any Buildings or Fortifications at Your Place, till we hear further from Them, We enclose You an Extract of their said Commands which must be Strictly Complied with.

N^o. 38

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. CHIEF
&C^A. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The Griffin carried You our last of the 20th. Ultimo of which Duplicate is Enclos'd and we shall now reply to Your Several Letters, as therein mention'd to have come to hand.

It gave us great Pleasure to Observe the Prince William Staid so short a Time with You, Though We could not but be concern'd at her being Obliged to leave behind fifty of Your Bales, as We are Certain They would have been very Acceptable To our Honble Masters to whom Your Sending by her Your Books, gave us great Satisfaction Which we should have been glad to have had early Notice Your design'd doing as We should have been Prevented from the Anxiety, We were under at their not Arriving before the Dispatch of the Elizabeth which was not a little, as our Honble Masters wrote so Particularly about them by the Lapwing.

By the Phoenix Snow bound to Ingeram we now send for Your use Six Chests of Rupees, as we did the like Quantity by the Griffin, and the Success carried You such Part of Your Indents for Wares and Stores as we had it in our Power, to Supply You with, the Invoice of which and Bill of Lading are Herewith Enclos'd, the Scarcity of Gold, still Continuing, is the Motive why we are Prevented Sending You Madrass Pagodas.

By the Portfield that Arriv'd here the 6th. Instant from England, Which she left the 20th. November; Our Honble Masters having Possitively directed us to Desist from carrying on any Buildings or Fortifications as by the Latter Shipping will come out on Mr. Robins an Able Engineer they have Entertain'd in their Service, Who is to have the Inspection of what are Necessary to be Erected, We cannot therefore give You any directions about the Fortifications at Your Place till he has Viewd them Which he will do after he has laid out what is Necessary to be done here, and at Fort St. George, and for the same Reason, We chuse to defer Accepting of Mr. Prince's Offer of his house at Voltair.

We would have You send us, what Cloth you may have ready by August as early as Possible, in that month as we shall be in want of it to load on board the

Ship, We intend Dispatching in Semtember [sic] having to[o] much reason to Apprehend from the Situation of Affairs in this Province at Present that what we may Procure here Will be greatly Deficient to Compleat Her Loading.

FORT S^t. DAVID,
MAY THE 10TH. 1750.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 39

TO MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd Your Letters of the 30th. January and 27th. February, and by the Phoenix Snow now bound to Your Place send You a Supply of Thirteen Thousand /13,000/ Madrass Pagodas for Your Use, and Six Chests of Rupees Containing Forty Eight Thousand /48,000/ for the use of Vizagapatam, which you must Forward thither by the first good Opportunity, Upon the representation of the President of the Factory being Indebted to You by Your having Advanced more money than has been remitted to You, he was Paid on Your Account Five Thousand /5000/ Current Pagodas, for which You must duly Credit this Presidency.

As You mention the Condition of Nellapilla Godown To be so Extreemly bad, You have our Permission to give it a Thorough repair.

Such Wares and Stores You Indented for, as we have been able to spare go by the Phoenix.

What cloth You may have ready by August We would have sent us as early as Possible in that month, as we shall Have much need of it to load the Ship, we Intend Dispatching from hence to Europe in September the Present Situation of Affairs in this Province giving us but few hopes of doing any thing Considerable here towards Compleating her Tonnage. We are

FORT S^t. DAVID,
MAY THE 10TH. 1750.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 40

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE MARQUESS D' ALLORNA
VICE ROY FOR HIS MAJESTY OF PORTUGALL AT GOA.

MY LORD

We have the Honour of a Letter from Your Lordship Under date the 5th. February last, which we should have Answered sooner, but two of our Gentlemen, who were at Madrass when Gen^l. Boscawen, took Possession of St. Thome, and had some Knowledge of that Affair being Absent, We waited for their Return; from them We learn that when General Boscawen Took Possession of that Place there were no Portugeze Colours flying, And what Induced him to that Action was Padre Antonio De Purification's Informing him upon being Applied, to that he was Governour there for one Chanda Saib a Rebellious Moor, for which and several other Reasons, that we Suppose he will give to the Court of Portugall and likewise having receiv'd from the lawfull Nabob of the Province a Phirmaund for that Place, He Hoisted the English Colours, there, being well Acquainted that no Revenue has Accrued to his Majesty of Portugall from that Place for these fifty Years Past.

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect

MY LORD

Your Lordship's most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 14TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 41

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R. CHIEF
&CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote You last the 8th. January of which Duplicate is Enclos'd, And since that Time have not Receiv'd any Letter from You.

We have now the Pleasure to Acquaint You with the Arrival here of the Hoñble Company's Ship Portfield Captain Carteret Le Geyt from England which She left the 30th. November, And is to Proceed to Benjar and China, Whether She will be dispatch'd in a day or two, Inclos'd we send You a List of the Ships taken up for and Arriv'd from India in the Year 1749.

The Hoñble Company's Ship Augusta Cap^t. Thomas Parker was Dispatch'd from hence for China the 23^d. Ultimo, the Brittannia Cap^t. John Summer is at Present here not having been able to get round Ceylone, and as we have had no Advices of the Severn, We hope She has gaind her Passage, as also the Walpole bound to Juddah Notwithstanding the Information Receiv'd by the French Mocha Ship in her way back to Pondicherry, who met with bad Success in that Respect, Of her being in the like Situation at Gallee, Which we must doubt of Imaginning had that been the case, We should have had further Advice of it before this time.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 23^D. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 42

TO THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^r. CHIEF
&CA. FACTORS OF ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

We were favour'd with Your Letter of the 20th. Feby and receiv'd at the same time the Packet from Fort Marlbro which You were Pleas'd to forward to us.

On the 6th. Instant Arriv'd with us from England Our Hoñble Master's Ship Portfield, Cap^t. Carteret Le Geyt bound to Benjar and China, She left the Downs the 30th. November, and Inclos'd we send You a List receiv'd by her of the Ships taken up for and Arriv'd from the East Indies in 1749, We are in daily Expectation of the Arrival of those, bound for China, having Advice from Our Hoñble Masters that their Departure would be soon after this Ship.

We are concern'd to Acquaint You with the Britannia's having lost her Passage, being Arriv'd here after a fruitless Attempt to get round Ceylone, and by a French Ship from Pondicherry bound to Mocha, Who met with as bad Success we were Acquainted, as She Pass'd this Place in her way back of the Walpole's being in the like Situation at Gallee, but as We have yet had no further News of Hers, We hope this Report is entirely Groundless.

We dispatch'd the Hoñble Company's Ship Augusta the 23^d. Ultimo, for China, as we shall the Portfield in a day or two, for her Consign'd Port. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 23^d. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 43

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONBLE GUSTAVUS BARON, VAN IMHOFF GOV^r. GENERAL FOR ALL AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE NETHERLAND'S EAST INDIA COMPANY, AND TO THE HONBLE THE COUNCIL OF BATAVIA.

RIGHT HONBLE SIR & HONBLE SIRs

We should be greatly Wanting both to ourselves and Country, did we pass over the Information we have receiv'd from Mr. William Beawes, who went on board, Ship Arcott last Year from this Port to Manilha, with Advices from General Boscawen, and our Gov^r. to the General of the Phillipines as also in a Letter from Several Supra Cargoes of our Hoñble Company's Ship at Malacca bound to China of a Design of the Governour & Council of that Place to have detain'd the Said Ship And Prevented her from Prosecuting her Voyage in Consequence of Orders they had receiv'd from Your Excellency and Your Honours and the same being Corroborated by a Lieutenant of the Ship of War of Your Nation Then laying in the Road of Malacca, Who went on board the Arcott & reported that no Country Vessel of whatsoever Nation Was by the said Orders to be Permitted to Pass those Straits without giving an Account Whether She was bound and Particularly if to Manilha an Embargo to be laid on her, Which is so Arbitrary a Proceeding and entirely Contrary to the Treaties at Present Subsisting between his Britannick Majesty and the States General of the United Provinces, that we find Ourselves Under a Necessity to Protest Against Your Excellency and your Honours for having Issued out such Orders and do hereby make You Accountable for the Consequences

Attending the same. We have Already Advis'd Our Honble Company of this Action, and also made Commodore Lisle, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Squadron in the East Indies. Acquainted therewith from whom, We doubt not You will hear further Concerning it.

We have the Honour to be with much respect

RIGHT HONBLE SIR & HONBLE SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 25TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 44

TO THE HONBLE LIBREGHT HOOREMAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL
OF NEGAPATAM &C^A. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Being desirous to have the Accompanying Letter forwarded by the first Opportunity to Batavia, We are to Request Your Honour &c^a. will favour us in Sending it by the earliest Conveyance from Your Place, which we shall Esteem ourselves much Obliged for, and are with great Esteem,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 25TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 45

TO MESS^{RS}. MORDECAI WALKER, {
FRANCIS MURIEL, & SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIP PORTFIELD.
JAMES WALLER. }

GENTLEMEN

In Consequences of the Orders We have Receiv'd from the Honble Court of Directors, We now Despatch their Ship Portfield, and You will receive Inclos'd a Copy of Cap^t. Carteret Le Geyts Sailing Orders, Who Immediately, after leaving this Port is directed to follow Your Directions.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 3^D. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 46

TO CAPTAIN CARTERET LE GEYT
OF SHIP PORTFIELD.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and To Proceed Directly to Benjar Massin on the Island of Borneo, Immediately after Your leaving this Port, You are to follow all such orders You may receive from Mess^{rs}. Mordecai Walker, Francis Muriel & James Waller, for Your future Proceedings, Who are Appointed by the Hoñble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of Your Ship there and at Canton.

And whereas the Dutch have Pretended to an Exclusive right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights to Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward, this Pretension of Right to an Exclusive Trade Our Hoñble Masters deny, and will not Submit to, and have Ordered us to empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostility, the Dutch may be guilty of and to make reprizals not only in defence of themselves but also English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders; that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower and order You that in case the Dutch should Pretend to Obstruct the Company's Business, or the Business of Your Ship or Endeavour to search Your Ship or any Pretence or threaten to act in any Hostile manner or commit any hostility Against You, that You Defend Yourself Against any such Attacks and do Your Utmost to repell Force by Force, and to make Reprizals for any Such Violances Committed against Your Ship or any other Ships that may be in Your Company with English Passes. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 3^d. day of June 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER,
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 47

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We are now to reply to the Several Letters we have receiv'd from You of the 7th. 21st. 28th. & 30th. Ultimo, 1st. & 4th. Instant.

Your Protests in behalf of our Hoñble Masters on Coja Miguel de Gregorio for Nonpayment of Marut Marcar's Bill of Exchange, also the one Deliverd You by Don Manuel de Trasgallo were likewise duely Receiv'd, and we are not displeas'd at that Affairs being terminated by Adrian Fourbeck's withdrawing his Petition.

Telesinga Chitty's Petition, for the Expence he was at in taking care of the Cloth he had Provided, We can by no means comply with, as the Cloth is never look'd upon, as the Hoñble Company till delivered into their Godowns, And with Respect to the Difference in The Prices of the Cloth Provided by Sunca Ramah & Ambel-toddy Chitty, We shall write further shortly, In Relation to the Broad Cloth, You may Acquaint Your Merchants, that when it Arrives We shall than [*sic*] consider of the Disposal of it, and that as to their Request of being Permitted to Provide a Proportion of fine Goods, If they are Willing to take off the Sum which has been Advanced by our Merchants Who we contracted with for that Part of the Investment, And is still Outstanding on that Account, We consent to their Providing the Same otherwise it must Continue in the Hands of those with Whom we have Already Engaged.

We shall by the first Conveyance Supply You with some Fanams, Which however must as Usual be delivered out at thirty Six for a Pagoda, We shall likewise send You five or Six Candies of Doodoes, and Cash, Which We are well Convinced will be as many as You can Possibly have Occasion for.

We were not a little Surpriz'd at reading the Memorial of some of Your Officers, and more, so at the Manner of its being deliver'd You, From Whence it might be Imagin'd, You had no Commanding Officer at Your Garrison, as we find he was entirely Ignorant of it Who certainly ought to have been Acquainted, With an Affair of That Nature before it was Preferr'd to You, It is an Action which at the same time that it Convinces us of their little Knowledge of Military Affairs, gives us Room to believe them to be of Turbulent Dispositions as what they complain of, has never been once Hinted, to us by any of our Officers, they being convinced of the Necessity, We were reduced to, of Paying them in that manner, Agreeable to which should, those with You, Still discover an Unwillingness to receive their Pay, It is our Directions that the Military Regulations for Paying them daily, And at Eight Shillings a Pagoda, be Strictly complyed [sic] with, but that You do it at the Company's Exchange of thirty Six Fanams for a Pagoda, And likewise that You Assure them; If We have the least Information of their being Guilty, Again of any thing of the like Nature, We shall not fail of Shewing a Just Resentment.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

JUNE THE 8TH. 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

P.S. This day at Noon Arriv'd here Our Honble Master's Ship York; Which we shall Dispatch to You in few days therefore, We direct that You keep Your Boats in readiness to unload her as Expeditiously as Possible.

N^o. 48

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

This goes by our Honble Master's Ship York, which You must use all Possible Dispatch in Unloading, By the Endorsement on her Bill of Lading which is Enclos'd You will Observe, What has been landed from her here, and You will receive herewith a Copy of the Manifests of Private Trade, licenced Silver, & Coral, as also her Original Invoice and in a day or two, we shall forward You her Dispatch.

In case any of our Honble Master's Ship's should Pass this Port, and arrive with You, We direct that You immediately set about Unloading them, and after, the Deputy Gov^r. has open'd the Packet & taken copies of the Papers, that may be Necessary to be kept with You, the Packet must be forwarded directly to Us.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

JUNE THE 11TH. 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Sev^{ts}.

CHARLES FLOYER
&C^A. COUNCIL.

N^o. 49

TO CAPTAIN EDWARD WARD
OF SHIP YORK.

SIR

You having Deliver'd the 30 Chests of Treasure and the Several Wares & Stores Agreeable to our directions of the 8th. Instant, You are therefore Hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your Way, to Fort St. George, Where You will receive Orders from the Deputy Gov^r. & Council, for the delivery of the Wares & Stores You have on board Consign'd to this Presidency, with which, We enjoin Your Strict Compliance, DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 11th. day of June 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 50

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote You Yesterday by our Honble Master's Ship York, Who we then dispatch'd to You, And having sent You by her a Box of Fanams Amounting to Four thousand /4000/ Pagodas which We Omitted to Advise You of, We therefore now Inclose You Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same, Also Extracts of Sundry Paragraphs of our Honble Masters Commands receiv'd by the Yorks as it is Necessary You should be furnish'd with them for Your Guidance in the Transaction of their Affairs, And we Enjoin Your Strict Obedience thereto. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 12TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

EXTRACTS OF THE GENERAL LETTER FROM ENGLAND TO FORT ST. DAVID DATED THE 8TH. DECEMBER 1749 RECEIV'D BY SHIP YORK.

Para. 6. If You can without loss of time load any Goods on the said Ships, Proper for the Canton Market Agreeable to the Intimation in our Advices, by the Portfield it will be very Acceptable to us, and in such Case, the Supra Cargoes have our Orders to Pay the Amount of Such Goods, out of the Bullion, Consign'd to them, but you are on no Pretence To detain them longer, than the Supra Cargoes shall Approve of.

Para 18. And as there generally Appears a Defecieny in the Weight of Lead, Iron, Copper, and Elephants Teeth, which may in part be Occasion'd by the Different manner of Weighing the same in England and India, We have thought it Proper to Acquaint You with the Method us'd here Whereby You may be able to form a Judgment, Whether there is any real Deficiency or not Viz^t. Lead About 15 at a Draft. and no less Weights than 4^{lb}. are us'd, but no Draft Allow'd, Iron about 5.

at a Draft, weighing with no less Weights than 2^{lb}. and for Draft 2^{lb}. are Allowed, Copper and Elephants Teeth about 5 at a Draft, weighing very near and One Pound is Allow'd for a draft.

Para 19. You must be Particularly careful & Exact in Adjusting all Accounts of Damage and sharp Delivery of the Cargoes of our Several Ships, and Oblige the Commanders to Pay for the same According to Charter Party, You are to Explain the Nature of such Damage, and short Delivery, the Condition of the Package, and Add such Observations there to as will Enable us to Judge. Whether The Owners are Entitled to any Equitable Relief, You are to Endorse, the same on the Bills of Lading, And fully Advise us in Your Letters of all Circumstances.

Para 40. As we make no doubt of Your being in Possession of the Fort St. George Books, and Papers, We Direct that You collect together all the Phirmaunds and Grants You can find from the Several Mogulls, Nabobs, and their Ministers, with Regard to all our Priviledges in India, and our Rights and Titles to our Several Settlements, On the Choromandell Coast, You are to get them Translated by Able hands, and fairly Copied in a Book, wh[ich] must be forwarded to us, As soon as it can Possibly be Completed.

Para 64. We therefore direct for the future, that in the Account of Remains, the several Articles be ranged under Distinct Heads such as Guns, Garrison Stores, Anchors, Grapnells, Cordage, Ironmongers Ware &c^a. that the Several Sorts, Sizes, Weights and Natures, of each Article, be Particularly Distinguished, and the English Weights, of all Europe Stores Inserted.

Para 66. And the Better to Explain our Meaning, We have transmitted You a Proper form, which must be Strictly Observ'd in framing, All Your future Accounts of Remains of Stores.

N^o. 51

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R. PRES^T
& GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We are to Acknowledge being favour'd with Your Several Letters of the 2^d. & 10th. March, with a Postscript of the 11th. also Your Letter of the 4th. April

The Acco^{ts}. Curr^t. receiv'd from Your Honour &c^a. We deliver'd to our Accomptant with Directions, to Acquaint us from whence the Difference Mention'd by Your Honour &c^a. Arose, In Consequence of Which we receiv'd from him a Letter representing, that he finds the last Account Current sent from hence to have been Erroneous, And that by a General one he has drawn out, with Your Pres^{cy}. from the Year 1747, the Difference Appears to be much greater than Your Honour &c^a. have taken Notice of, As You will Please to Observe by a Copy of the said Account, Also of his Letter Inclos'd, and as it Appears from thence, that it has in great Measure been Occasion'd by the Difference in the Exchange of Rupees, We think it highly requisite, the Exchange should be fix'd, as it was formerly, between Your Presidency and Fort St. George. to three Hundred and fifteen Bombay Rupees, for One Hundred Pagodas, and shall in future Account with Your Honour &c^a. after that, rate, and in order to the more Speedily Rectifying any Mistakes that may be committed by You or us, We shall Annually send Your Honour &c^a. Our Account Current, and desire You will grant Us the like favour.

We shall on the Commodores Arrival not fail to tender for Payment the two Bills of Exchange, We have receiv'd drawn on him by Governour Wake, And gave our President due Credit for the Amount, When Discharged, but we must Observe to Your Honour &c^a. that as it is the Custom of the Officer of the Navy to have Vouchers, from the Proper Officers, of the Ships, of the Disbursements, that have been made on them; their Not being Transmitted us, As last Year for the Disbursements on Mr. Pawlet's Squadron, may Probably Occasion an Objection to the Payments, of the Bills, We have now reced, On Which Account, We take the liberty of desiring they may be sent us by the first Opportunity.

The 6th. Ultimo Arriv'd here from England, the Hon^{ble} Company's Ship Portfield Cap^t. Carteret Le Geyt, bound for Benjar and China, Whether she was dispatched the 3^d. Instant, the York Cap^t. Edward Ward that Sail'd in Company with

the Prince Edward from the Downs the 6th. January arriv'd here the 8th. Instant, she Parted Company with that Ship off the Cape, but we have not Yet seen, her, nor the Duke of Cumberland, nor Grantham, both which Ships, Sail'd in December, being all bound for this Place & China, a List of Ships Taken up for & Arrived from India in 1749, comes Inclos'd by the York, We had the Agreeable News, of the Warren's being safe At the Brazill's, Having sprung her fore Mast, We dispatched the Augusta Captain Thomas Parker for Canton the 23^d. April.

The Britannia bound for Your Port and Surat, not being able to get round Ceylone, came hither, and We Understand will soon Proceed, on her Voyage, and as we have no Advice of the Severn, It will be very Satisfactory to us, to hear she has met with Success in gaining her Passage.

The late Revolution in the Country having caused Nazir Jing to march this Way, he came within Twenty Miles of us, and we were not Without hopes that the Province would by This Time have been restored to a State of Tranquility, but Chunda Saib, one of the Principals, in the Rebellion having found Protection from the French, Who likewise Assisted him with the greatest Part of their Garrison of Pondicherry, during the Continuance of Nazir Jing hereabouts, which sav'd him from the Distruction, that Would Otherwise certainly have Attended him, Nazir Jing remain'd here but a short time, and then March'd back, Towards Arcott, where he is at Present, having in his Possession his Nephew Mustapha Jing, who being an Adherent of Chunda Saib's, Surrender'd himself with several others in hopes of Mercy, when the Camp Continued hereabouts, His leaving this Place, without entirely Subduing, the Authors of the late Commotions, We have too great Reason to believe will Prevent, our seeing the Province settled for some time, As We have Information, Chunda Saib is Collecting Together, all the Force he can, And with the Assistance of the French, Who have Declar'd themselves Principals in a War, with the Moors, as they term it, We are not without Apprehensions, they will soon be Masters of it, the Numerous Army Jazir Jing has brought with him, being Partly composed of such Troops, Who having no Pay but the Plunder they get, stop every thing they meet, and have Occasion'd some of our Letters, even from Nazir Jing himself to Miscarry, has been the Reason of our so long detaining this Pattamar otherwise, it would have been Dispatch'd much sooner.

Inclos'd We send Your Honour &c^a. an Account of the Seapoys, that have been Kill'd in different Actions on this Coast, in Order to their Familys, being Allowed a Pension, as we are Inform'd, was Agreed to, by Your Honour &c^a. with them on their leaving You for this Place.

At the request of Cap^t. Thomas, Andrews to have granted him a set of Bills of Exchange, on Your Honour &c^a. for Bombay Rupees fifteen Hundred, and Eighty three, One Quarter, and Thirty five Reas (1583. 1. 35) We have Complied therewith, he having Paid into the Hoñble Company's Cash here to that Amount.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 14TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

P.S.

Our Hoñble Masters having Directed us to Indent to Your Hoñr. &c^a. in future, for what Gun Powder, We may Stand in Need of, as Your Hoñr. &c^a. will Please to Observe by an Extract of their said Commands, Inclos'd We are therefore to request You will Please to Supply us as Conveyances may Offer, with seven Thousand Barrells.

N^o. 52

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Prince Edward Arriv'd here Yesterday, We have landed from her the Sundrys endorsed on her Bill of Lading, Which is Inclos'd, And now dispatch her to You, to be Unloaded, which must be done, with all Possible Expedition, after which You must deliver her Commander the Accompanying Sailing Orders, the Deputy Gov^r. first Signing the same, as also those for Captain Edward Ward of the York, which You will likewise, receive herewith, and are to be deliver'd in like Manner, the Original Invoice, of this Ship, with Copys of her Manifests of licenced Silver, Coral and Private Trade, and Also of the form that must be Strictly Observ'd in framing all future Accounts of Remains, of Stores, go Inclos'd, & in Consequence of the Honble Company's Orders, when You send Your Indent for Medicins, must Accompany it a List of all the Surgeons Instruments, and Utensils belong^g. to the Company then Remaining.

We are

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST DAVID,
JUNE THE 15TH. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 53

TO CAPT^N ROBERT HALDANE
OF SHIP PRINCE EDWARD.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and Make the best of Your Way, to the Port of Fort St. George on Your Arrival, at which Place You are to follow all such Orders, You shall receive from the Deputy Gov^r. & Council There for Your future Proceeding; Dated in Fort St. David this 15th. day of June 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 54

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday came to hand Your Letter of the 16th. Instant, and for any Tinn that may be had to send to China on our Hoñble Masters Ships bound thither, not Yet Arriv'd, You may give as far as Thirty Six Pagodas a Candy, and with regard to Elephant's Teeth as the Sizes of them, are so Various, We can only direct that if they can be Procur'd at such rate as You may Judge, will yield a reasonable Profit; we would have You Purchase them or any other Articles by which it is likely our Hoñble Masters may reap any Advantage.

Inclos'd is an Extract of the List of Investment receiv'd from the Hoñble Company by the Ships lately Arriv'd, for Your Guidance, in Procuring the same, and which must be Strictly kept up to, and as the fine and Midling Sallem pores, Provided at Your Place have always been Esteem'd Most, We have Allotted that branch Entirely to Your Merchants, Who must be call'd before You and each set now Provide the same Sortments, they did formerly, You must likewise Use Your Endeavours, to lower the Prices if Possible, as we find it will be very Satisfactory to our Hoñble Masters, And as to Sunca Ramah's request, to be Allowed the same, as Gungaveddy Vencata Ramah, If what he has brought in Equals Gungaveddy's in Goodness We must insist upon Gungaveddy's Lowering his Price, to what we give Sunca Ramah, As You Acquaint Us they get their Cloth, both from the same Place, but if Sunca Ramah's is Inferiour, to what is Provided, by Gungaveddy and You are well Assur'd, he cannot make it better, for the Price he Engag'd with us, We then Agree to his being Paid the same as Gungaveddy but not otherwise, the Brown Cloth the Hoñble Company, have receiv'd of late, they much disapprove of, and direct us, to use all Possible means to Prevent their Having any more sent them Wherefore, We must recommend to You to be very Assiduous, in getting Cur'd all Provided by You, As we shall direct Mr. Andrews to Consign the Vessell, that may bring up his Bales in September to You, Which as he has no Conveniencys for Washing them, You must therefore Perform, and as the Hoñble Company, are desirous to have all the Northward Cloth cur'd by You or us, You must give encouragement to all Washers to come and Settle Among You, that You may be as soon as Possible in a Capacity for Complying with their said Inclinations, We have it not in our Power, to comply with the Desire of Your Merchants for a Proportion of the Broad Cloth, Being Positively ordered to sell the same at Outcry, And Having also Absolute directions to use our Utmost Endeavours to Recover the Ballances that were due to them from their Madrass Merchants, when the Place was taken, An Account of which is Inclos'd, the same must be, therefore set about with the greatest diligence.

The President have^g. been Inform'd that the Quantity of Red Wood Purchas'd of Mr. Fowke belonging to Mr. Hallyburton's Estate, was only One hundred & Seventy Candys, which is a very Small Proportion, of what the President & Council of Bengall have wrote to us for, he has Ordered Mr. Starke to Contract for Two Thousand Candys, Wherefore it is our directions that You Pay to Austekery Narrain four Thousand & Seven hundred & fifty Pagodas for the Purchase of the said Redwood, and that as fast as it is brought in, You take all Opportunitys of forwarding the same to Bengall.

Our Hoñble Masters disapproving of our giving any Pensions, and directing us to send Home at their Expen^ce, the Persons, to whom we have Granted them, as You will Observe by an Extract of their Commands relating thereto Inclos'd, You must Acquaint Captain Morgan & Mr^s. Graham, with the Purport of them and if they Chuse to Accept of the Company's Offer, We will Provide them with a Passage by the first Ship. We are

GENTLEMEN,

Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 21ST. 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 55

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. CHIEF
&C^A. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We now Inclose You a Duplicate of our last of the 10th. Ult^o. and since that Time we have receiv'd Your Letter of the 20th. April.

By the Loss of our Hoñble Masters Ship Ps^s. Augusta, finding the want of such a Vessell, for Supplying the West Coast, with the Several Articles they require from this Place, and Bengall, We think it Absolutely requisite, one should be built, and have determin'd, It shall be done at Vizagapatam As What are made at Bombay are of Rabbit Work, on which Account, can be Repair'd no where, but at that Place, and not under a great Expençe, We therefore now direct, that You Immediately set about Building a Ship of between Two Hundred & fifty and three Hundred Tons, that You are Particularly careful, that She is Strong and Compos'd of good Materials, and that she does not, turn out very Costly, We have by this Conveyance, sent You sundry Articles, Which we are of Opinion, will be Usefull to You, in this Undertak^s. The Invoice and Bill of Lading of which are Inclos'd; and as Mr. Goodere, will have it in his Power, to be Assisting to You, likewise We have given Positive Orders to Supply You with Every thing You may Require of him; Captain Francis Tayler, Who is to have the Command of the Ship carry's You. This, as he may be of Service, In forwarding the Work, his Allowances, Which are to Commence from his Arrival, are Eighty Five Rupees 'P Month, and You must Accordingly Discharge them, And as we learn, One John Heriot at Your Place, was brought up a Ship wright in Europe, and is well Skill'd in that Art, If he is Willing, We would have him Entertain'd as a Master Carpenter, being determin'd, that such of the Hoñble Company's Vessells as can go over Your Bar, shall not be repair'd, at any other Place, As We are Pretty Certain, It can be done, much Cheaper than Either at Bengall or Bombay.

On this Vessell goes also Captain John Crompton to Command the Company, with You; And Lieutenant John Grant, Therefore Lieutenant Turnbull, must by the first Conveyance, After their Arrival return hither, As Captain Crompton, is furnish'd, with Particular Directions, for Putting the Military, and People, of the Train of Artillery, upon the same footing [sic] with those of this Garrison, He will Communicate the same to You, Which must be Strictly Observ'd, and as we find by Your Monthly Accounts, that they have not receiv'd their Pay Entirely, According to the Regulations Some having had more, and some less Captain Crompton is to regulate the same, from the Time our Garrison was Put upon the Present Establishment, And to Guide him therein, he must be furnish'd, with Your Paymasters Acco^{ts}. from that Time.

The 8th. Instant the Hoñble Company's Ship York Arriv'd with us; As did the Prince Edward, Who came out in Company with her, the 14th. they left the Downs the 6th. January And Altho; the Duke of Cumberland and Grantham, sail'd in December, We have Yet no News of them, these four Ships are bound for China, for which Place and Benjar, the Portfield was dispatch'd the 3^d. Instant, We are in daily Expectation of Seeing the Coast and Bay Ships, who were to Sail soon after the York and Prince Edward.

In the List of Investment receiv'd from the Hoñble Company by these Ships, We find the Usual Complaints of Damaged Pieces being Packed in the Bales of Ordinary Salempores from Your Settlement, Some having Holes in them, Many with Holes darn'd up, And others Patched, they also Recommend Particular Care, to be taken with Regard to the Package being Good, And that the Sallempores are kept up to full Sixteen Yards long; And the Usual Breadth, at Which We Enjoin Your Strict Observance of.

By the first good Conveyance We shall send You a Supply of Treasure. And are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN,

JUNE THE 26TH. 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 56

TO MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have since our last of the 10th. May, Receiv'd two Letters of the 27th. April and 6th. Instant, by which we are Concern'd to find that the Reprizals made on the French, at Yanam by the direction of Nazir Jing, Should Affect Your Investment, Which we are Certain, he Never Intended Should Happen, However our President has wrote to him to Acquaint him therewith, And we make no doubt You will soon be Redressed.

Having now sent directions to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for Building a Ship of between two Hund^d. and fifty, and three hundred Tons, On Account of our Hon^{ble} Masters, As we are Acquainted, that You may be very Assisting from Your Place in forwarding that Work, It is our Positive Orders that You furnish them with what Ever they may Apply to You for.

In the List of Investment receiv'd by the Hon^{ble} Company's Ships York and Prince Edward, that Arriv'd here the former the 8th. & the latter the 14th. Instant from England, the Quantity of Izzarees, to be Provided at Your Settlement this Year is Viz^t.

	Ps.
Izzarees fine N. 1 four hundred 400 Pieces	400.
Ditto N. 2 three hundred	800.
Ditto Super fine three hundred	300.

We find likewise the Usual Complaints of Damaged Pieces being Packed in the Bales of Long Cloth, Provided at Your Factory, Also of many being full of Holes, some with Holes darned Up; and others with Patches in them. It is also Recommended, to take great Care, to Keep all the Sallem^s. up to full Sixteen Yards long, And the Usual Breadth, And that the Bales and Tickets Answer to the Sortiment, that the Tickets are put under the first Piece in all the Bales, to be found Easily, Which You must Pay due Obedience to.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

SIR,

JUNE THE 26TH. 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 57

To MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

We have duly Receiv'd Your two Letters of the 19th. and 29th. April likewise Your Journal Parcels and Cash Accounts that came with the former.

As we shall be Incapable of Curing the Cloth You may send us in August, We direct that You Order the Vessell that brings it to deliver the same at Fort St. George Whether we have Already sent directions Concerns it.

In the General Letter from our Hoñble Masters, Receiv'd by their Ships bound for China, lately Arri'd here; they have directed Mr. Heath to be an Assistant to their Engineer General Benjamin Robins Esqr. Who is come out in the Grantham that Saild in Dec^r. And is dailey Expected here, he must therefore take the first Opportunity of Coming up hither, And we shall be mindfull to send You an Assistant in his Room, as soon as we are better Supplied with them.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 26TH. 1750.

SIR,

Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

Nº. 58

TO THE HONBLE WILL^M. WAKE ESQ^R. PRESID^T.
& GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Captain Somner of the Hoñble Company's Ship Britannia bound for Your Presidency, Having Acquaint^d. Us, with his Intention to sail Tomorrow, We now Inclose Your Honour & c^a. a Duplicate of our last dated the 14th. Instant, And have the Satisfaction of letting You Know That the Prince Edward, have been here, And was Dispatch'd for Fort St. George to land there the Several Articles Consign'd Us by her, As we have not Sufficient Warehouse Room for them here, And we Understand that She will Sail this day in Company with the York for China, By having Yet no Advice of the Grantham, And Duke of Cumberland that Sail'd So long before them, We think there is too much Reason to Apprehend, they have Either Passed us, or miss'd Ceylone, and hope no worse Accident may have happen'd to them.

This being the first Sea Conveyance that has Offer'd for Your Presidency, Since the Arrival of the Lapwing, has Occasion'd, Our being Unable to forward You the Inclos'd Packet that came by that Ship, from Our Hoñble Masters, Whose Positive Orders were not to send it by land.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 27TH. 1750.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

P.S.

We now forward a Packet just Arriv'd from Tellicherry.

CHARLES FLOYER & C^A. Council.

Nº. 59

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

As Mr. Peter Campbell is Sollicitous to resign his Commission in the Hon^{ble} Company's Service, We direct that he be Immediately Struck off the Rolls,

The Inclos'd Papers Notifying to all Persons that have Demands upon the Estate of Mr. Petch to deliver the same in to us, we would have Affixed at the most Publick Places in your Town. We are

GENTLEMEN,

FORT ST. DAVID,
JUNE THE 28TH. 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &C^A. Council.

Nº. 60

To CAPTAIN EDWARD WARD
OF SHIP YORK.

SIR,

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your way to the Port of Canton in China, Where on Your Arrival, You are to follow all such Orders as You shall receive, from Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, Henry Revell, Stephen De Visme, John Hull, & Mann Horner, Who are Appointed by the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors, to Negotiate the Business of Your Ship, for Your future Proceeding.

And whereas the Dutch have Pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium, in the Streights of Malacca, and other Seas to the Eastward, this Pretension of Right to an Exclusive Trade, Our Hon^{ble} Masters deny and will not Submit to and have Order'd us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilitys the Dutch may be guilty of, and to make Reprizals, not only in Defence of themselves, but also English Country Ships, with English Passes, and British Commanders that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower and Order You, that in Case the Dutch, Should Pretend to Obstruct the Company's Business, or the Business of Your Ship, And Endeavour to search Your Ship on any Pretence, or threaten to act in any Hostile Manner, or Commit any Hostility Against You, that You Defend Yourself Against any such Attacks, and do Your Utmost, to Repel Force by Force, and to make Reprizals for any such Violences Committed Against Your Ship, or any other Ships, that may be in Your Company with English Passes, Dated in Fort St. David this 29th. Day of June 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 61

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT HALDANE
OF SHIP PRINCE EDWARD.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the best of Your Way to the Port of Canton in China, Where on Your Arrival You are to follow all such Orders, as You shall receive from Mess^{rs}. John Misenor, Richard Wood, Hillary Torriano, Robert Macket & Thomas Smith, Who are Appointed by the Honble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of Your Ship, for Your Future Proceeding.

And Whereas the Dutch have Pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca, And other Seas to the Eastward, this Pretension of Right, to an Exclusive Trade, Our Hoñble Masters Deny, and will not Submit to, and have Ordered Us to Empower the Commanders of All their Ships to resist any Hostilities, the Dutch may be guilty of, And to make reprizals, Not only in Defence of themselves, but also English Country Ships with English Passes And British Commanders, that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower and Order You that in Case the Dutch Shou'd Pretend to Obstruct the Company's Business, Or the Business of Your Ship, And Endeavour to Search Your Ship, or any Pretence, or Threaten to Act in any Hostile Manner, or Commit any Hostility Against You, that You Defend Yourself Against any such Attacks, and do your Utmost, to repel Force by Force and to make Reprizals, for any such Violences, Committed Against Your Ship, or any other Ships, that may be in Your Company with English Passes. Dated in Fort St. David this 29th. Day of June 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N^o. 62

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The Hoñble Company's Ship Lynn Captain William Egerton, Arriving here this Day from England with a Packet Directed to Thomas Saunders Esq^r. President and Governour, Mr. Richard Prince Second, Myself third Mr. Cornelius Goodwin Fourth, Mr. Richard Starke Fifth, Mr. Joseph Fowke Sixth, Mr. Charles Boddam Seventh, Mr. Henry Powney Eighth, Mr. Robert Goodere Ninth, Mr. George Pigot Tenth, & Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh Eleventh, of Council at this Place, I thought it for the Hoñble Company's Interest, to open the same, Which having Accordingly Done, And taken a Copy of their Letter therein Contain'd, I now send You the same Inclosed & am to desire, You will as Soon as Possible let me Know Your Resolutions on this Matter, And that You will use the Speediest means of Conveying this Advice to Mr. Saunders, the Members of the late Council will Continue their Several Employes, till such Persons as You Appoint thereto, may come to take Charge of them.

The Moors Army Commanded by Mahomud Ally Cawn, Whom we Join'd, with Part of our Garrison a few days Past being much distress'd for Provisions I think it is a very Proper Opportunity to dispose of the large Quantity of Rice, belonging to the Company, now lying at Fort St. George, Which was Purchased last Year, and has been represented to be much Damaged, Wherefore I have Procured a Conveyance for it, Which will be with you, in a Day or two, and if You Approve of it, I think it would not be amiss to load on her 150 Garce, and by her I Propose Sending You the Supply of Cash Requested by the Deputy Governour and Council.

The 70 Chests of Treasure by the Lynn, I have sent for Ashore, and shall Order it into the Mint Immediately. I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN,

JULY THE 6TH. 1750.

Your most Humble Serv^{ts}.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 63

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.

HONBLE SIR

The Honble Company's Ship Lynn Arriving here the 6th. Instant, with a Packet directed to You as Presid^t. Mr. Richard Prince Second, Myself Third, Mr. Cornelius Goodwin Fourth, Mr. Richard Starke Fifth, Mr. Joseph Fowke Sixth, Mr. Charles Boddam Seventh, Mr. Robert Goodere Eighth, Mr. George Pigot Ninth, and Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh, Tenth of Council, And being the only Member here, I thought it would be most for the Honble Company's Interest, to open the same, and Accordingly did So, and now send You a Copy of the Letter it Inclos'd herewith Whereby You will Observe their Directions for the Immediate Dismission [*sic*] of Mr. Floyer, Which I Acquainted him with, And he thereupon resign'd, the Government, as have the Gentlemen of the late Council the[i]r Stations, Tho: they Continue their Employs till the Arrival of such of the Present Members, as may be Appointed to take of them.

I immediately on the Receipt of this Advice I Acquainted Mr. Prince, and the rest of the Gentlemen who are all at Madrass with it, By sending them a Copy of the Honble Company's Letter, And with their Approbation I now Dispatch the Honble Company's Snow Brillant thither to be sent Down to You, Imagining that She may be Usefull as a Conveyance, to bring You and Your Necessarys hither, Mess^{rs}. Goodwin & Greenhaugh Have Declined Accepting of the Service, Mess^{rs}. Starke, Boddam And Powney Intend Coming here by the first Conveyance And Mr. Prince Purposes to Continue at Fort St. George as I believe does also Mr. Fowke.

Agreeable to the Honble Company's Orders I have taken out the Lynn's Bullion, and Put on Board her to the Amount of it in Rupees and to make up a Chest

^{ans.}
Rupees 2226. 8 more, Which as their is a Ballance Due to the Gentlemen in Bengall of the Treasure, the Lapwing brought out; it will be reckoned in Part thereof, She will be Dispatched tomorrow to the Bay, with Orders to Touch at Madrass, to land there Eight Chest of Rupees, Also the Private Silver And Coral She has brought out.

The Inclos'd for Mr. Goodere Contains a Letter from Nazir Jing to the Moors Officers thereabouts; to recall the People, Quartered on the Factory, therefore I beg leave to recommend it to be forwarded as Soon as Possible. I am with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR

JULY THE 12TH. 1750.

Your most Humble Servant,

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 64

TO MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

As the Honble Company by the Lynn, that Arriv'd here the 6th. Instant have thought Proper to Order the dismission of Mr. Floyer from their Service, as likewise Mr. Holt, And have Appointed Thomas Saunder Esq^r. President, Mr. Richard Prince Second, Myself Third Mr. Cornelious Goodwin fourth, Mr. Richard Starke fifth Mr. Joseph Fowke Sixth, Mr. Charles Boddam Seventh, Mr. Henry Powney

Eighth, You Ninth, Mr. George Pigot Tenth & Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh Eleventh, The Brilliant Snow, now Proceeds to Vizagapatam, to bring up Mr. Saunders, Mess^{rs}. Goodwin and Greenhaugh have Declin'd Accepting the Service.

In Consequence of Mr. Floyers, Application to Nazir Jing he has Procur'd the Inclosed Letter from him to the Moors Officers, at Your Place, to take off the People Quarter'd Upon You. I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

SIR,

JULY THE 12TH. 1750.

Your most Humble Servant
STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 65

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.

MESS^{rs}. RICHARD STARKE
JOSEPH FOWKE
CHARLES BODDAM &
HENRY POWNEY.

GENTLEMEN

This Morning I was favour'd with Your Letter of the 9th. Instant, and in Consequence of Your Directions now Dispatch to You, the Brilliant Snow, and have Order'd Captn Burman to Observe the Instructions, You may Judge Proper to give him. I have wrote by him a Letter to Mr. Saunders & Inclos'd to him, a Copy of the Hoñble Company's Letter by the Lynn, in the 6th. Para of which as it is Said, that Ship is Consign'd to Bengall, and the same Appearing by her Invoice, by which I Observe, She has on board much the Same Sorts of Stores, the York and Prince Edward brought us, I have therefore, not being in need of them, landed only her Treasure, And have Replaced the Amount in Rupees, & to Compleat a Chest have

sent more Rupees 2266, 8, which will be Reckon'd as a Part of the Ballance of the Lapwings Treasure, not Yet sent thither, As by the Hoñble Company's Letter I Conclude it is their Intention that the Lynn and other Ships bound for the Bay Should be dispatch'd with all Possible Expedition give me leave to say Gentlemen I am of Opinion it will be Improper to Detain the Lynn, to return hither, with Mess^{rs}. Starke, Boddam, and Powney, whereby She may not Arrive in Bengall till very late, on which Account, and as the Supply of Treasure must be Extreably Acceptable to the Gentlemen there, I think the Sooner She is Dispatched thither the better; I have Directed Captain Egerton to call on You as he has some Private Coral & Silver on board and Eight Chests of Rupees for Your Use, and After he has landed the same to Proceed Immediately to the Bay.

As I desired the Rice might be sent Hither from being greatly in want of it more that from the Price of it being Risen, and the late President and Council having Contracted with the Owners of the Don Carlos to bring it, Hither I shall therefore send that Vessell, who will be ready in about a Week to take it in, For the want of it in Mahomud Ally Cawn's Camp, is at Present Extreably great.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN,

JULY THE 12TH. 1750.

Your most Humble Servant,
STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 66

TO CAPTAIN EDWARD BURMAN
OF THE SNOW BRILLIANT.

SIR

You are Hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Vessel & make the best of Your Way to Fort St. George where on Your Arrival You are to Deliver the Accompanying Letter Directed to Richard Prince Esq^r. Richard Starke Joseph Fowke, Charles Boddam, & Henry Powney, & to follow such Orders, as You shall receive from them for Your further Proceeding, Dated in Fort St. David this 24th. day of July 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 67

TO THE HON^{ble} ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r. PRESIDENT
& GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs

As the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors by their Ship Lynn that Arriv'd here the 6th. Instant have thought Proper to Dismiss Mr. Floyer from their Service, also Mr. Will^m. Holt, & Appointed the Hon^{ble} Thomas Saunders Esq^r. to be their Presid^t. And several of the Gentlemen their late Servants at Fort St. George to their former Stations & to be of the Council here, As I am only Member at present here, Agreeable to the Hon^{ble} Company's Commands by the said Ship, I have landed her Bullion, & replaced the Amount in Arcot Rupees, As ^{per} Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd, And to Compleat a Chest have sent You Two Thousand Two Hundred & Sixty Six Rupees Eight Annas (2266. 8) more than the Amount of the said Bullion which is in Part of the Ballance this Presidency is Indebted to Yours of the Lapwing's Treasure the remainder of which will be forwarded to You by some future Opportunity, as will also such Part as we have not Immediate Occasion for of the Ships that have Already Arriv'd, Which are the York & Prince Edward, Who have since been Dispatched for China, but we have yet no News of the Duke of Comberland and Grantham that sail'd in December And are both likewise bound for China.

By this Ship I design'd forwarding to Your Honour & c^a. the Broad Cloth receiv'd by the Augusta, but as I have landed Nothing but her Treasure, Captain Egerton Acquaints me, She is so full, that he has not room for any Part of it I therefore Intend Waiting till the Arrival of the other Ships that were to Sail soon after him, but should they likewise not be able to carry it, in such Case it will be freighted to You by some Country Ship.

This Ship having on board some Consignments of Coral & Private Silver for Fort St. George, I have laden on her Some Rupees for that Settlement, After all which is landed, the Commander will Proceed Immediately to Your Port.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs

JULY THE 13TH. 1750.

Your most Humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM ꝯ SHIP LYNN VIZ^T.

- No. 1. General Letter to the Hoñble President & Council Dated 13th. July 1750.
2. Invoice of the Lynn for Fort William.
3. Bill of Lading of Do. for Do.
4. Invoice of Seventy Eight Chests of Rupees laden on board the Lynn for Fort William.
5. Bill of Lading of Do.
6. Copy of the Lynn's Charter Party.
7. Manifest of Goods And Merchandize licenced to be Shipped on board the Lynn for Coast and Bay.
8. Copy of the Lynns Victualling Bill.

FORT ST. DAVID, 13TH. JULY 1750.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 68

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.

MESS^{RS}. RICHARD STARKE
JOSEPH FOWKE
CHARLES BODDAM &
HENRY POWNEY.

GENTLEMEN

The Lynn Having taken on board all Her Rupees for Bengall I have now Dispatched her for that Port, but as she is Obliged to call at Your Place to land her Pri[vate] Consignments I have laden on board her Eight Chests of Rupees for Your Use as ꝯ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed.

Vencatashia a Dubash who serv'd Major Muer Here being Indebted to the Hoñble Company One Hundred Pagodas, he receiv'd from one Cundapah a Butcher, which was Advanc'd him to enable him to Supply the Kings troop[s] when here with Provisions, You will therefore be Pleased to make him Repay that Sum, and when the same is Executed let me Know that it may be regularly brought to Account.

Could I have Procur'd any Pagodas I should by this Conveyance have Complied with Mr. Prince's Request for Some. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Hum^e. Servant

FORT ST. DAVID,
13TH. JULY 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 69

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM EGERTON
OF SHIP LYNN.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your way to Fort St. George at which Place You are to remain no longer than to land the Rupees I have laden on board You for that Settlement and the Private Consignments of Coral & Silver for the Gentlemen there, after You are to Proceed with all Expedition to the River of Bengall and on Your Arrival at Fort William Deliver the Accompanying Letter to the President & Council there, and follow all such Orders as You shall Receive from them for Your further Proceeding Dated in Fort St. David this 13th. day of July 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 70To RICHARD PRINCE Esq^r.MESS^{rs}. RICHARD STARKE

JOSEPH FOWKE

CHARLES BODDAM &

HENRY POWNEY.

GENTLEMEN

The Lynn Carried you my last of the 13th. Instant and am now to Acquaint you with, the Grantham's having Arrived here Yesterday with Benjamin Robens Esq^r. on board, The Duke of Cumberland Who came out in Company with her by their Unexpectedly falling in with the Coast of Guinea near Cape Verd the 16th. January about Eight O Clock at Night in thick Weather and by a fatal Change of Wind Succeeded by a Calm which Obliged them to com[e] to an Anchor very Near the Shore where the Grantham rode the Whole Night and with Difficulty got off in the Morning but the Cumberland Parted her Cable, and was drove in the Surff where She was lost, and when they left her which was near a Month after they had not been fortunate Enough to save any Part of her Cargo from the Surff's Continuing very high, but had made the best Provision they Could at Gambia an English Settlement on that Coast, for fitting Out a Sloop and Long Boat to make a Tryal on the Wreck as Soon as the Season of the Year should Permit And as they luckily fell in with the Durrington the 5th. March homew^d. bound under the line, on whom they sent M^r. Jorriano one of their Supra Cargoes to give the Information of this Accident to the Company, the Assistance they will be Able to send from so early Intelligence may be a Means of Saving her Treasure, Of her Crew only five Perished, I am now Unloading the Grantham as fast as Possible, and when that is Compleated Shall dispatch her Immediately for China, but must here Represent to You Gentlemen as this Branch of The Hon^{ble} Companys Affairs is quite foreign to my Province as likewise the Advancing the Merchants and the Carrying on the Investment which may from my having but little Knowledge in these matters rather suffer than Flourish under my Management, to which Added the Approaching Dispatch to Europe which it's not Unlikely will be Sometime next month as from the Advice given us by the Gentlemen at Bengall the Lapwing may be Expected by that time when the Letters lately receiv'd from the Company must be their Directions by Explicitely Answered, I therefore think it Highly Necessary and entirely for the Interest of the Company M^r. Prince should come here as Soon as Possible as there is no Probability of Seeing M^r. Saunders till the end of next Month.

Inclosd is a letter from Mahomud Ally Cawn to the Havildar Conjevaram and Poonemely to direct him to Permit our Colours being hoisted at Poonamalee, but he desires that We will no ways Interfere in the Business of the Circar at that Place or in that Country till we receive the Grants for it The Havildar resides at Conjevaram Where You will be Pleased to Send the Letter as soon as it comes to hand.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

15TH. JULY 1750.

Your most Humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

P.S. I Omitted to mention that I think a Couple of Peons with a Small Set of Colours hoisted at the Principel Town in the Poonamalee Country is all that is Necessary.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

Nº. 71

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R. PRESIDENT & GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Captain Somner having Sailed without the Letter y^t. was Intended Your Honour &c^a. by the Britannia Altho: he was Acquainted that one would be sent on board him I now forward the same to Your Honour &c^a. with all the Papers it Contain'd except the Packet from the Honble Court of Directors which as it is directed to be sent by Sea I shall detain it till another Opportunity, but the Packet from the Chief & factors at Tillicherry as also one receiv'd two days Past from the Chief and and Factors of Anjengo now Accompany this.

By the Accompanying Letter of the 27th. Ultimo Your Honour &c^a. will Observe the Arrival of the Prince Edward and York here, and I have now to Acquaint You with that of the Lynn the 6th. Instant, by which Ship the Honble Court of Directors have thought Proper to dismiss Mr. Floyer from their Service and Mr. William Holt and have Appointed the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R. President and Reinstated Several of their late Madrass Servants whom they have Nominated to be of the Council here, but as yet none of them are Arriv'd being all Except Mr. Saunders at Fort St. George, Which is the Occasion of my Addressing Your Honour &c^a. alone.

The 13th. Instant the Grantham Arriv'd here with Benjamin Robins Esq^R. Engineer General to the Honble Company on board and as soon as She can Deliver her Cargo will be Dispatched for China. The Duke of Cumberland Who came out in Company with her, had the Misfortune to be lost on the Coast of Guinea near Cape Verd by Unexpectedly falling in with the Land in the Night in thick Weather and the Grantham very Narrowly Escap'd the same Accident, Of her Crew only five Perished but by the Heighth of the Surf at that time nothing could be sav'd of her Cargo. Though they were without Hopes of being able to Succeed in getting her Treasure when the fair Season come on, and therefore the Supra Cargoes had fitted out a Sloop & Long Boat to Work Upon the Wreck as Soon as the Weather will Permit.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,
17TH. JULY 1750.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servant
STRINGER LAWRENCE.

Nº. 72

TO THOMAS DORRIL ESQ^R. CHIEF
&C^A. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

The Honble Court of Directors by the Lynn that Arriv'd here the 6th. Instant Having Dismiss'd Mr. Floyer from their Service as likewise Mr. William Holt And Appointed the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R. to be President and Several of their late Madrass Servants whom they have Reinstated to be of the Council here, as Neither Mr. Saunders Nor any of the rest of the Members are Yet Arriv'd, I am Now to Acquaint You that Your Several favours of the 10th. April 31st. May & 13th. June have been Duely Receiv'd, and that what the Pattamar fellow Urged of having been here with the former was very Just, but as it was Directed for Callicut Mr. Floyer thought it Improper to open it, and Ordered him to carry it thither which was the Occasion of his Returning to You, the Packet for Bombay Accompanying Your Second Letter. was to have been forwarded by the Britannia Who saild the 28th. Ultimo but Captain Somner went away without it, therefore as I shall Dispatch a Pattamar thither Now it shal go by it.

The York and Prince Edward Having both Arrived the Beginning of last Month saild the latter end for China and the 13th. Instant the Grantham came in with Benjamin Robins Esq^r. on board Who is Engineer General to the Hoñble Company: the Duke of Comberland that came out with her was Unfortunately lost upon the Coast of Guinea near Cape Verd and no part of her Cargo has yet been saved tho: there is hopes [*sic*] that her Treasure will, when the Season will Admit of their Working upon the Wreck the Supra Cargoes Having filled out a Sloop and Long Boat for that Purpose. I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

JULY Y^E. 17TH. 1750.Your most Hum^e Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

 N^o. 73

TO THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^R. CHIEF
&C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

By the Lynn Who left England in March And Arrived here the 6th. Instant the Hoñble Company Having Dismiss'd Mr. Floyer and Mr. Will^m. Holt from their Service and directed the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esq^r. to be their President and **Several of their Madrass Servants whom they have Reinstated to be of y^e. Council** at this Place and of which as I am the only Member at Present here Mr. Saunders being at Vizagapatam and the rest of the Gentlemen at Fort St. George I have therefore now to Acknowledge the receipt of Your two favours of the 25th. May and 27th. June also of the Packet Accompanying the Letter which I Propose forwarding by a Pattamar, I am now dispatching to Bombay.

The York and Prince Edward who Arriv'd here the Beginning of Last Month have both been dispatched for China, as will the Grantham that Arriv'd Here the 13th. Instant (with Benjamin Robins Esq^r. Engineer General to the Hoñble Company on board) When She has Deliver'd her Cargo which is now Unloading with the greatest Dispatch. By her we Receiv'd the Melancholly News of the Loss of the Duke of Cumberland who came out in Company with her on the Coast of Guinea Near Cape Verd, & Nothing sav'd out of her, Except her People of whom only five were drown'd, but the Supra Cargoes, Who have fitted out a Sloop And Long Boat to Work on the Wreck when the We[a]ther will Permit Acquaint Us they Have hopes her Treasure may be Saved.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

17TH. JULY 1750.

Your most Humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

 N^o. 74

TO CAPTAIN JOHN OLIVER
OF SHIP GRANTHAM.

SIR

You are Hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the best of Your way to the Port of Canton in China where on Your Arrival You are to follow for Your future Proceedings all such Orders as You shall Receive from Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, Henry Revell Stephen De Visme, John Hull and Mann Horner, Who are Appoin[t]ed by the Hoñble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of Your Ship.

And whereas the Dutch have Pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward which Pretended Right Our Honble Masters Absolutely Deny and will not Submit to and have Directed us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be Guilty of and make Reprisals, not only in Defence of themselves but of all English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company I therefore in Virtue of these directions do Hereby Order and Empower You that in Case the Dutch Should Attempt to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of Your Ship by Endeavouring to search You on any Pretence Whatever or by threatning You with or Proceeding to any Acts of Hostility, that You do Your Utmost to Defend Yourself And Repel Force by Force, and also to make reprisals for any Such Violence Committed Against Your Ship, or any other Ships that may be in Your Company with English Passes, DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 26th. day of July 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

N^o. 75

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.

MR. CHARLES AND BODDAM.

GENTLEMEN

As I was in Dailey Expectation of Mess^{rs}. Starke and Powney's Arrival I de-ferr'd Answering Yours of the 18th. Instant in hopes I should learn from them what might be the reasons that Induced You to give me a Repremand in Terms so little becoming the Character of a Gentleman, Although the Above Named Gentlemen Sign'd the Letter they tell me they were of Opinion that it ought to be Softned; I cannot Express my Own Sentiments of it With the Decency that Publick Letters require, therefore shall send them to Mr. Prince in a Private one that Accompanys this.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

1st. AUGUST 1750.

Your Humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.

&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The 27th. Instant Arriv'd here Mess^{rs}. Starke and Powney, and Yesterday We received Your Letter of the 28th. and by the Speedwell Ketch a Duplicate of the 10th. Ult^o. We are much Concern'd at the Melancholly Accident Poor Mr. Smith has met with, and for the Reasons You give think You Judged very Proper to Appoint Mr. Will^m. Perceval to the Charge of his Employs of Sea and Land Customer and therefore would have You Continue Him therein but we can't Possibly grant him a Seat at your Board till Mr. Saunder's Arrival as there are many Gentlemen Senior to him in the Service Who may Probably Desire that Station.

By the Don Carlos that will Sail in two or three Days We Intend Sending you a Supply of Twenty Thousand Pagodas and as we have Already Seven Thousand in Gold hope to be Able to send you a Moiety in that Specie the other Moiety will be in Rupees, as we are Uncertain When we shall have it in our Power to Procure more Pagodas.

As the Company have no Spare Table Furniture Here, nor was it thought Proper to make any for the use of Mr. Griffin or Mr. Boscawen when they were here, Therefore as Mr. Lisle's Stay will in all Likelihood be very Short at Your Place. We think During that Interval He may Have the Use of the Company's that You have Already with You.

One of the Boats, that came down with Mess[rs.] Starke and Powney being Return'd Without giving the least Notice to the Head Boatman Here, We desire the People belonging to Her May be Punished for that Action, Her Number was 30.

The Grantham Sailed the 27th Ultimo in the Morning for China.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

1st. AUGUST 1750.

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

Nº. 76

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd Your letter of the 3^d. Instant & Agreeable to what we wrote You the 1st. We now send You by the Don Carlos the Supply of Twenty Thousand Pagodas of which Ten is in Gold as ¶ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd, the small Quantity of Stationary Ware that we have yet Receiv'd being Insufficient for the Use of our several Offices We are Incapable of Supplying You with any at Present therefore would have you Purchase any You may meet with for Your Own Occasions.

When any Vessells are bound from hence to the Bay, We shall Endeavour to Prevail with their Commanders to call at Fort St. George for the Red Wood.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

8th. AUGUST 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Serv^{ts}.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

RICHARD STARKE

HENRY POWNEY.

Nº. 77

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received Your Letter of the 8th. Instant and Should be glad We had it in our Power to send You such an Assistant as you are in want of, but the Insufficient Number of Covenanted Servants to carry on the Several Branches of the Company's Business here has Reduced us to the Necessity of Entertaining Several Monthly Assistance Of which we have sent You Mr. James Bouchier, whom we leave it to you to Appoint to such Employment in which You may Judge He will be most Useful, till we are in a Better Capacity to send you Another.

We have made Enquiry of Mr. Clive concerning the Table Furniture, and have receiv'd from him a List of what is Remaining here, Which as we are to Wind Ward and Mr. Lisle may therefore Probably Call here before he Proceeds to You, we Purpose keeping to send by him, but should He Arrive with you first Immediately,

or being Advised of it, We shall Dispatch it to You, being of Opinion it is not worth While Putting the Honble Compy to the Expence of a New Set for the short time there is a Likelihood of His continuing on the Coast. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
14TH. AUGUST 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

N^o. 78

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have now to Acknowledge the Receipt of You[r] Letter of the 17th. Inclosing Duplicate of one of the 16th. with the Invoice and Second Bill of Lading of the Rice and Chairs by the Don Carlos, which Ship is not yet Arriv'd.

We have Acquainted our Import Warehousekeeper with what you Mentioned relating to the Deficiency in the Several Supplys of Rupees sent you and by what he tells us of the Precaution Used by the Under Warehousekeeper in Having them Weighed on being received from the Mint into the Warehouse & Packed and Chested likewise in his Presence when Shipped off to Prevent any Embezzlement we really can't tell how to Account for it, However we have Directed him to be Particularly Carefull to Prevent the like in future and we hope we shall thereby Obviate your having any reason for further Complaint on that Account.

We are at loss to guess by your letter, what are the Standing Orders you Request, may be sent you, as you have Already been Acquainted with our Honble Masters Directions received this Year. Regarding the Investment, and what relates to the Disposal of the Europe Goods we shall Furnish You with as Soon as the President Arrives, when we shall likewise send you any Instructions You may stand in Need of for your Guidance in your Proceedings.

That the Redwood may be in readiness to be Shipp'd on board any Conveyances we may Procure to carry it to the Bay as the Season now Advances, We think it Necessary that What we have Contracted for, with Austekery Narrain Should be Weighed and Cut as Soon as you receive it which you will therefore Order to be Done.

As Lieutenant Cooke Proposes Resigning his Adjutancy, Lieutenant Bulkley now takes his Passage on the Ruby to Succeed him in that Employ.

The Letter from the Deputy Governour & Mr. Boddam Inclosing Copy of one from the Honble President We have receiv'd but before it came to Hand the Presidents Original One Arriv'd with us.

We are
GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
24TH. AUGUST 1750.

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

Just now Arrived the London Captain Will^m. Sedgwicke from England She left Plymouth the 1st. of April in Company with the Kent & Parted with her the same Night She Spoke with the Benjamin Cap^t. Meard, near the Equinoc[tial] the 18th. May which Ship is Bound for this Coast & Bengall.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

N^o. 79

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The 15th. Instant We were favoured with your Letter of the 29th. June Inclosing a Duplicate of one wrote us the 15th. May the Original of which never came to hand, And as We are thereby Still in want of Governour Wake's Letter of Advice and first Bill of Exchange on Commodore Lisle for the Disbursements on his Majesty's Ship Ruby, We hope to receive the Second by the first Opportunity that we may have it Discharged as the Amounts of the two Bills for what Disbursed on Account of his Majesty's Ships Tartar And Syren the Receipt of which was Acknowledged in our Letter of the 14th. June have already been, and brought to the Credit of your Presidency.

We are Concerned to Acquaint your Honour &c^a. that we can give you no hopes of Contributing in the least towards the Dispatch of the two Ships You mention you shall Stand in Need of Tonnage for, as there will be more Ships on this Side of this and the last year than it will be Possible for the Gentlemen in Bengall and us to Procure Cargoes for, which will therefore Occasion some to remain in India.

On the 24th. Instant Arrived with us from England the Honble Company's Ship London Captain Will^m. Sedgwicke She Sail'd from Plymouth the 1st. of April in Company with the Kent from whom She Parted the same Night and the 18th. May She fell in with the Benjamin Captain George Meard near the Equinoctial, that left England after her and is bound for this Place & Bengall, The Swallow Cap^t. John Bell has also Arrived with us from Madagascar with two Hundred & Forty five Slaves for Bencoolen and this Place, The Grantham Sailed from hence for China the 27th. Ultimo.

Inclosed goes Duplicate of our Last Letter to Your Honour &c^a. and We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
31st. AUGUST 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

P.S. Just after Closing the foregoing Arrived here the Kent Cap^t. Will^m. Robson from England She left Johanna the 31st. Ult^o. where was then the Lord Anson Cap^t. Foulis for Persia & Your Place & the Benjamin Cap^t. Meard and met off Ceylone a Ship which She takes to be the Norfolk.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

N^o. 80

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The last letter to your Honour & c^a. from hence was Dated the 13th. July by the Lynn of which We now Inclose Duplicate and have to Acquaint your Honour & c^a. that the next day Arrived with us the Hoñble Company's Ship Grantham Cap^t. John Oliver from England bound for this Place and China, She came out in Company with the Duke of Cumberland Cap^t. Robert Osborne, Who had the Misfortune to be drove ashore near Cape Verd, where the Grantham very Narrowly Escaped Meeting with the same Accident, the Weather having been so thick that they could not Discern the Land till they were close to the Swift About Seven in the Evening, when they were Obligated to Anchor as it felt Calm, and the Cumberland's Cable Parting about two O'Clock in the Morning. The Surff Immediately carried her ashore, She had very few of her People Drowned but of her Cargo Nothing was Saved, Tho we are Inform'd by the Supra Cargoes that they had hopes of being able to get her Treasure when the Season for the Surffs Abating came on, having Purchased a Sloop and fitted out the Ships Long Boat to work on the Wreck And as the Grantham very Luckily fell in with the Durrington the 5th. March Under the Line Homeward bound, And by her The Supra Cargoes Acquainted the Hoñble Comp^y. with this Melancholly Accident the Assistance they will have it in their Power to send from so early Intelligence may Contribute greatly to the Recovering the Treasure the Grantham after Delivering her Consignments for this Presidency was Dispatched for China the 26th. July And Sail'd the next day.

And we have now the Satisfaction to Advise your Honour & c^a. of the Arrival here of the Hoñble Company's Ship London the 24th. Ultimo the Swallow the 28th. & the Kent the 31st. the London and Kent left Plymouth together the 1st. April but Parted Company the same Night and have both been at Johanna where the latter left, When she came from thence the 31st. July the Lord Anson Cap^t. Fowlis bound for Bombay and the Benjamin Cap^t. Meard Bound hither and for your Place, the True Briton Sail'd with them from England and is bound for this Place and China, but Parted from them and We have yet no News of her, the Kent saw Another Ship off Ceylone Which we take to be the Fort St. George from Madagascar, from whence the Swallow is last Arrived with a Cargo of two Hundred And forty five Slaves for this Place and Bencoolen.

As we have great reason to be Doubtfull Whether we shall have an Opportunity to send your Honour & c^a. the Augustas Bales by one of our Hoñble Master's Ships as they are all fully loaded for your Presidency, and the Season Advancing We have therefore put on Board this Ship all above the Number Cap^t. Sedgwick Acquaints us he will be able to take on Board Besides a Quantity of Redwood, We Propose Sending by the London, of which this Ship likewise Carrys you a Supply, freight free as we have Agreed to Pay the Owners the Accustomary freight for the Bales, And as we are Convinced the earlier We can Convey the Treasure to your Honour & c^a. it will be more Agreeable and for the Interest of our Hoñble Masters We have therefore likewise sent you by her Twenty Chests of Rupees, which are also to Pay no Freight, the London We hope to Dispatch to you in few days, but are not yet Determin'd Whether we Shall send you the Kent, Having at Present no other Conveyance to Europe for our Bales for which we have Depended Hitherto on the Fort St. George but as that Ship is not yet Arrived We are now Distitute of one; And therefore design keeping the Kent for that Purpose Unless any of the Expected Shipping Should come in to Supply her Place.

As we have Our Hoñble Masters Permission for Supplying any deficiency of Tonnage in the Ships, We may Dispatch Home with Salt Petre, We must renew our last years Request for a Quantity of that Article of which, as we shall also Stand in need for making of Powder We must Desire, We must Desire five Thousand Baggs by the first Opportunity.

We had wrote thus far when Yesterday Morning Arrived here the Hoñble Company's Ship Benjamin Cap^t. George Meard from England and Severn Cap^t. Rich^d. Dorrill from Bombay by the Latter the President And Council there have Consigned us 25 Chests of Bullion to be Coined into Rupees for your Presidency which we hope to have Compleated and to Dispatch her, within a day or [two] the Benjamin has likewise brought out for your use Eig^{hty} Six Chests of Bullion some of which we Apprehend, Shall be Obliged to send you in that Spicie as our Hoñble Masters have limited her Stay here to only ten days b^{ut} During that Interval We shall use all Possible Expedi^{tion} in getting as much Coined into Rupees as we can & w^{ill} Dispatch her to Your Honour &c^a.

Inclosed is the Invoice of the Sundrys We have Shipped on Board the Don Carlos, We have not yet Inserted the Freight for the Broad Cloth as that is left [to] be Determined on the Arrival of Mr. Saunders when we [may] debt your Presidency for the Sum it may amount to [and] Advise your Honour &c^a. Accordingly, The Rupees we now s^{end} your Honour &c^a. and what we Propose Shipping on the London will Amount to 689965. 10. of which 622764. 2. the Amount of the Bullion She brought Us and the Rem^{ain}der in full of the Lapwings Ballance.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

5TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

RICHARD STARKE.

„———“,———
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 81

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The 31st. Ult^o. We had your Letter of the 27th. Ult^o. and with respect to the Standing Orders, Had it been ever Usual to furnish the Subordinate Settlements with any other receiv'd from Our Hoñble Masters than what Immediately related to them, We should on your first Application have Order'd a Copy of those lately received And the Book which was sent here from Madrass since the Restitution of that Place to have been Immediately Set about, th^o: they are very Numerous, but as that was never Practised and only such Extracts Transmitted from Fort St. George to this Place and the Northern Settlements as dire^{cted} Regarded such Branches of the Company's Business as were Carrying on at those Settlements, We shall Act in the same Manner and when there may be any that it is Necessary You should be Acquainted with, We shall send them to you Accordingly.

The Redwood that has been Contracted for with Austekery Narrain you must receive from him or his People & after Weighing it off get it out into Proper lengths for Shipping on board the London Who will be Dispatched to You to take it in a day or two hence. the Quantity You Mention of Mr. Hally Burton's, that was in a Manner Contracted for, by You in Consequence of Orders from hence; If we Mistake not, Was sent to Bengall on the two Sloops, or the greatest Part of it, which Occasioned the late President to direct Mr. Starke to Contract with Austekery Narrain for a further Quantity, and th^o: you take Notice of it's being at a Higher Price than that of Mr. Hally Burton's We must Observe to you it is at a Cheaper Rate than what has been Provided here for some years Past and as this will Sufficiently Supply our Present Occasions, We cannot Approve of your Accepting of Mr. Hally Burton's.

The only Stationary Ware We have received this Year was a Small Supply by the Grantham which being Insufficient for our own occasions, We have been Obliged to Purchase some out of the Ships, and as some of them will call at your Place We must leave it to you to Supply Your wants in the same Manner.

The 31st. Ult^o. Arriv'd with us the Hon^{ble} Compny's Ship Kent from England And Yesterday the Benjamin & the Severn from Bombay bound for Bengall, the Lord Anson Cap^t. [F]owlis for Bombay Sailed with the Benjamin from Johanna and the True Briton Bound for China left England in Company with her.

We are
GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
5TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

Your most Humble Servants
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
„———“, „———“,
GEORGE PIGOT.

P.S. As Benjamin Robins Esq^r. Proceeds on this Ship to take a Survey of your Fortifications, We Inclose you the 2^d. Para. of the Hon^{ble} Company's Separate Letter of the 8th. Dec^r. respecting him which you must Strictly Comply with.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
„———“, „———“,
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 82

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have Just Received your Letter of the 3^d. Instant and with Concern read the Mutinous Disposition Your Garrison is of, We now send you our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Swallow with Captain Scrimsour's Company of Soldiers Consisting of Seventy One Men Officers Included, we would have you Prepare Boats Sufficient to land them all together, they are Old Soldiers in the Service, And we think Men you may Depend on, In Regard to the Pay of your Garrison we Consent to their Having 12 fan^s. for each Rupee Agreeable to What you have Promised, till such time we can Procure Pag^s. Sufficient to Pay them in that Specie, As to what they say Concerning Major Lawrence's Promising them 21 Shill^{es}. & 6 Pence ꝯ Month that Gentleman Assures us is false, and that all the Officers must Remember, his Acquainting them they were to Receive 2½ Pag^s. free of deduction, which, at 8 Shillings ꝯ Pag^s. was 20 Shillings and no more We are in Hourly Expectations of Mr. Saunders's Arrival, when Major Lawrence will set out for your Place and we Shall then write more Particularly on this Difference in the Pay of the Military and give Directions how it must be brought to Account in the Company's Books.

You must not keep this Ship longer than is Necessary to Put on board what Bales you have ready, & we would have you on board her in Irons, Lawrence & Carter the two Deserters that have been Prisoners some time at your Place.

We shall tomorrow Dispatch to your Place our Hon^{ble}. Masters Ship London, And must Recommend to you to have every thing in such readiness for her that she may be Detain'd as Short a time as Possible as She must call at Vizagapatam in her Way to Bengall and the Season is now far Advanced.

Three of the Kent's People having left the Ship last Night whose Names are Fenby, Cutliff and King, and taken the Boat with them, As we have reason to Apprehend they are gone after Captain Robertson's Sloop and may be found on Board her at your Place, We therefore Direct that you Order her to be Immediately Search'd and those Persons to be Secur'd if taken and sent back Prisoners on the Swallow, and the Boat if found return'd by her likewise.

We are
GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
6TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 83

TO CAPT. JOHN BELL
OF THE SHIP SWALLOW.

SIR

You are hereby Directed to receive on Board Capt. Scrimsour and his Company of Soldiers, and to make the best of your Way to Fort St. George, where you are to follow such Orders as you shall receive from the Deputy Governour And Council DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 6th. day of Sep^r. 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 84

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The Don Carlos Carried you our last Dated Yesterday, of which Duplicate is Herewith Inclos'd and we now Dispatch to you Our Honble Masters Ship Severn, with Twenty Eight Chests of Rupees Amounting to two Hundred & Twenty Four Thousand as ^{per} Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclos'd Which as it is Above the Produce of the Bullion receiv'd by her We Shall deduct out of the Amount of the London's.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs

FORT ST. DAVID,
6TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 85

TO CAPT. RICHARD DORRILL
OF SHIP SEVERN.

SIR

Having laden on board your Ship the Rupees as Requested by the President and Council of Bombay for the Presidency of Bengall, We have only to Wish you a good Voyage and are.

FORT ST DAVID,
6TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

SIR

Your Assured friends

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 86

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you Yesterday by the Swallow that Sail'd last Night and we send this by Our Honble Masters Ship London Capt. William Sedgwick, to take in the Red-Wood, We have Directed to be Put on Board her, which must be done with all Possible Expedition and that Ship not Detain'd any longer than whilst that can be Effectuated on any Pretence Whatever, as She must call at Vizagapatam to Deliver the Supply of Treasure We have sent by her for the Northern Settlements

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
7TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 87

TO THE PROVISIONAL CHIEF
&C^A. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 24th. July and by this Ship have sent a Supply of Eight Thousand three Hundred and Seventy Nine Madrass Pagodas for Ingeram as we have of Six Chests of Rupees Containing forty Eight Thousand for your Use, We should have likewise sent you a Supply of Madrass Pagodas Could they have been Procur'd and have some Expectations that by the End of the Month We shall be able to Effect it When we shall remit them to you in the best Manner We can.

On the 14th. Ult^o. Arrived here the Honble Comp^{ys}. Ship Grantham bound for China, Who brought Us the Melancholly News of the Loss of the Duke of Cumberland near Cape Verd Having fallen close in with the Land ab^{ts}. Seven O Clock in the Evening in thick Weather & being becalm'd was Obligated to Anchor so near the Swiff that her Cable Parted and She was Drove ashore, very few of her People Perished, but of her Cargo Nothing was Saved Tho: her Supra Cargoes had fitted out a Sloop & Long Boat to Work on the Wreck and were in Hopes of Recovering her Treasure.

We have Also the Satisfaction of Acquainting you with the Arrival of Our Honble Masters Ships London, Swallow, Kent and Benjamin, the latter left England the 3^d. April and by her Under Date the 22^d. March, We have a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors Wherein they have Ordered the dismissal of Mr. Francis Tayler from their Service, as you will Observe by an Extract of their said Commands Inclos'd, Which you must Acquaint him with.

We Intended Sending you by this Ship the Keel and Remainder of the Necessary Stores for the Ship You were Order'd to Build, but She is so full that we have been Obliged to Detain some of the Honble Company's Broad Cloth that we Intended Sending On her to Bengall, therefore We shall [take] some other Opportunity of forwarding them to You.

FORT ST. DAVID,
7TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 88

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our Letter of Yesterday's date by our Honble Masters Ship Severn that Saild last Night Directly for your Port, and we now Dispatch to you the London with Sixty Six Chests of Arcott Rupees Amounting to five Hundred and twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty five ten Annas ^{ans} /529965, 10/ and Sundry other Articles as ~~an~~ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed.

But Cap^t. Sedgwick being Obliged to return 54 of the Bales we received by the Augusta, we shall find them on the Benjamin they are Inserted in this Ships Invoice, and Distinguished by a Cross.

This Ship is to call at Madrass for some Redwood and we have given directions to the Gentlemen there to detain her as short a time as Possible, as we have been Under a Necessity of Ordering her to land some Madrass Pagodas at Vizagapatam the want of which would Put an entire Stop to the Investment there.

We Judge we may reasonably Expect by the latter end of December to have about twelve Hundred Bales for any Ship you may send us up at that time Which we reckon to be about two Hundred and forty Tons.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,
7TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE
& C^A. Council.

Nº. 89

TO CAPTAIN WILL^M. SEDGWICK
OF THE LONDON.

SIR

You are Hereby Directed to Proceed to Madrass Where Having taken in the Red Wood Design'd for FORT WILLIAM, you are to make the best of your Way to Vizagapatam And having Deliver'd the Madrass Pagódas and Silver now laden on you for that Settlement you are to Proceed to Bengall and follow such directions as you shall receive from the President and Council there DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 7th. day of September 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 90

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday Arrived here the Fort St. George from Madagascar with a Hundred and fifteen Slaves and as We Purpose Sending her Home this Season the Kent and Benjamin will in very few days be Dispatched to Bengall they have each Coral &c^a. for your Place, and we Shall therefore give the Commanders Directions Just to call in & Deliver the same we would have you Immediately on Receipt Hereof Advise the Gentlemen, to whom it is Consign'd to Prepare Boats to land the same Immediately on their Appearance in the Offing that they may not be at all Detain'd.

The Fort St. George being in great Want of an Eighteen Inch Cable, We therefore Direct that one of that Size or as near it as you have got, bee sent Us by the Swallow. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
8TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 91

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The Hon^{ble} Company's Ship Fort St. George that we propose Dispatching for Europe this Season being in much want of Salt Provisions for Her Passage Occasions the Present to Direct you to make Application to Cap^t. Joseph Knight of his Majesty's Ship Ruby for twenty five Casks of Beef and fifteen Casks of Pork which as soon you receive from him, We would have sent Hither by the Swallow If she is not Return'd otherwise by Boat or in the best Manner you are Able with all Possible Expedition, And we will forward Cap^t. Knight three Bills of Exchange for the Amount of it on the Hon^{ble} Company, We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
9TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 92

TO THE HONBLE LIBREGT HOOREMAN PRESID^t.
ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL & GOVERNOUR
OF NEGAPATAM & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Major Lawrence has Communicated to us the Letter you did him the Honour to Write, It is a great Plesasure to us that we have an Opportunity of Shewing our readiness to OBLIGE your Honour & c^a. tho: we are Concern'd for the Present Occasion, We are equally Sensible with you of the Surprizing behaviour of the French and of the Steps they will Still Persue if not timely Presented by all the other European Powers.

The Accompanying is to our Resident at Ingeram who have our Directions to put any Person You shall Appoint in Possession of our Factory at Narsapour, and you will Please to make any Alteration that may Render the same More Convinient for you[r] Purpose & Remain therein till such time as Our Honble Masters Service may require the same.

We are with Esteem

FORT ST. DAVID,
12TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble. Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 93

TO THE RESIDENT FOR THE TIME BEING
AT INGERAM.

SIR

The Governour and Council at Negapatam Having Represented to us that their Servants at Metchlepatam are Under a Necessity of removing from thence since the French have made themselves Masters of that Place, and Having Desired we would Permit them to reside in the Company's Factory at Maddepollam, You must on receiving this, Put such Persons as they shall Desire in Possession thereof & Permit them to make any Alteration therein that they may think Proper. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
12TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

SIR

Your Assur'd Friends

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 94

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The 7th. Instant Arriv'd Our Honble Masters Ship Fort St. George from Madagascar, and the Persons we Appointed to Survey her having reported her Capable of Proceeding to Europe, we are now sending a Cargo on Board her.

This waits on you by the Kent & Benjamin on which Ships we send you the remaining fifty four Bales of the Augusta's Broad Cloth as Specified in the London's Invoice Seventy Five Chests of Rupees and Sixty Six Chests of Bullion as ^{per} their Respective Invoices and Bills of Lading, Our Honble Master's Orders in regard to the Benjamin's Stay here being but Ten Days, and that such Part of her Silver as could not be Coined in that time going to you in Bullion, were so Strict that we could not think of Keeping her longer and is the reason of our sending You so much Money Uncoined, What we have remaining is in the Mint & Bar Silver which we believe not so Proper for Your Market, we are now Coining it with the greatest Expedition, And should the Norfolk touch here we shall Send all we can Possibly Spare from our own Occasions; Or make use of the first good Conveyance that Offers, In Case we are disappoint'd of her.

We Acquainted your Honour &c^a. in our last Duplicate of which is in the Kent's Packet that we Expected About 1200 Bales in January; We think we may Depend on full that Number, And are to request that the Tonnage you leave in the Ship or Ships to be sent Hither for the same may be filled up with good Rice on the Company's Account as there is great reason to Apprehend we shall be in much want thereof by January.

We should have sent your Honour &c^a. a farther Quantity of Redwood by these Ships, But the Commanders Having landed no Part of their Cargo here Acquainting us they had not room.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

14TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Humble. Serv^{ts}.

P.S. As we shall stand in need of the Quantity of Packing Stuff mentioned in the Inclosed Indent for the ensuing year we are to request your Honour &c^a. will forward it us by the December Shipping.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL ^{per} SHIP KENT.

- No. 1. General Letter to the Presid^t. & Council Dated the 14th. September 1750.
2. Duplicate Do. dated 7th. September 1750.
3. Invoice of the Kent for Fort William in Bengall Amount^s. to £94761. 16. 1.
4. Bill of Lading of Do.
5. Invoice of Bullion & Arcott Rupees ^{per} Kent for Fort William in Bengall Amount^s. to Pag^s. 172913. 6, 44.
6. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
7. Copy of the Kent's Charter Party.
8. A Manifest of Goods & Merchandize ^{per} Ship Kent.
9. Victualling of Stores ^{per} Ship Kent.
10. Indent for Packing Stuff for the use of the Export Warehouse.

FORT ST DAVID, 14TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

CH^s. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL & SHIP BENJAMIN.

- N^o. 1. General Letter to the President & Council Dated the 14th. Sept^r. 1750.
2. Invoice of Ship Benjamin for Fort William Amount^s. to £91306, 5, 8.
3. Bill of Lading of D^o.
4. Invoice of Bullion & Arcot Rupees & Ship Benjamin Amount^s. to Page^s. 174796, 35, 20.
5. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
6. Second Bill of Lading of Ship London.
7. Copy of Ship Benjamins Charter Party.
8. Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenced to be Shipp'd on Board the Benjamin.
9. Copy of the Benjamin's Victualling Bill.
10. Indent for Packing Stuff for the use of the Export Warehouse.

FORT ST. DAVID, 14TH. SEPT^R. 1750.

CH^S. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

INDENT for Packing Stuff for the use of the Export Warehouse Viz^t.

Gunneys	10,000.
Rope	20 Candy.
Twine	10 Ditto.

RICHARD STARKE,
Export Warehouse Keeper

N^o. 95

TO CAP^T. WILLIAM ROBSON
COMM^R. OF SHIP KENT.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to the River of Bengall where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William, Whose Orders are to Direct your future, Proceedings DATED in FORT ST DAVID this 14th. day of September 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE
&C^A. Council.

N^o. 96

TO CAP^T. GEORGE MEARD
OF SHIP BENJAMIN.

SIR

You are Hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the best of your Way to the River of Bengall Where on your Arrival you are to Diliver the Accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William Whose Orders are to Direct your future Proceedings Dated in Fort St. David this 14th. day of September 1750.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

No. 97

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

GENTLEMEN

That the Kent & Benjamin might carry as large a Supply of Rupees as Possible to Bengall we did not give them their Dispatches till the 14th. And the Comm^{rs}. being of Opinion that by Putting to the Eastward Directly from hence they might have a quicker Passage to the Bay We landed the Private Silver & Coral here, Inclosed are the marks and Numbers of Such Chests as our Wareh^o.Keeper gave a receipt for, and the same if Agreeable to the Gentlemen to Whom they are Consign'd, May be put on board the Swallow which Ship is now coming in & will be return'd to you in few days.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 11th. And are glad to hear your Military give you no further reason to Complain of their Behaviour. What Copper Cash & Doodoes can be got ready shall be sent by the Swallow, But our Mint People have been so fully Employed that we have not been Able to Coin any Hitherto, We shall also send you some Stationary Ware, Which we have Purchased of the Officers in the Ship here.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
16TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

No. 98

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 16th. and are greatly Obligated to Cap^t. Knight for the Provisions he has Spared us for the Fort St. George and will as soon as Commodore Lisle Arrives here Account with him for the same.

We think you Acted quite right in Hoisting the English Flag in the Killedar of Poonamalee's Fort at his request, And your sending a Party Under the Com^d. of Cap^t. Campbell on the Alarm you had; Appears to Us equally Commendable We are so Sensible of the Importance it is to the Company's Affairs to Prevent that Part of the Country falling into the Hands of an Enemy, that we don't Doubt but our Hon^{ble} Masters will Approve of the Steps taken, And as it may also be the means of Binding the Killedar to our Interest we must recommend to you to Suppo[rt] him to the Utmost of your Power, And Advise us as often as any thing Material may occur.

As it is Necessary we Should know the Quantity of Cloth you have on hand either Embaled or at the Wash you must incert the same at the Foot of your Letters And in your next you will please to let us know what Number of Bales you may Expect by the end of December.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
17TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 99

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
& C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The President having Arriv'd the 18th. and the Day after we receiv'd your Letter Advising his Having Called at Madrass and his Departure from thence the Day following.

The Gentlemen at Bengall having Advised Us the[y] shall be in Want of Redwood for the Dispatch of their Ships if you could Procure freight for the same by the Lancaster or other Shipping bound to the Bay we would have you send what you can, And as we may have a Conveyance here for a further quantity should any Opportunity Offer for this Place send us with the greatest Dispatch 2 or 300 Candy.

As Copy of our Hon^{ble} Masters Commands by the Lynn was transmitted you soon after her Arrival here you have Doubtless Complied with the 15th. Para relating to the Madrass Books & Papers that were found in the Several Offices when the Town was Deliver'd up to the Commissaries you must therefore transmitt the List thereof to us that it may be sent to England by the Fort St. George.

The Norfolk having Arriv'd with us this Afternoon we would have you Acquaint the Gentlemen who have any Consignments of Coral & Silver on board to send their Bills of Lading for the same to their Attorney's here that it may be landed as early as Possible & Inclosed you have the Manifest thereof.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
21ST. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

N^o. 100

TO WILLIAM LISLE ESQ^r. COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN INDIA.

SIR,

We have receiv'd your Letter you did us the favour to write the 22^d. Instant And are greatly Obliged to you for the Trouble you have taken to recover Part of the Owners Effects of the Peyton Galley at Reho; as the King of that Place and Salangore have Promised to Repay their Parts we hope they will Keep their Words.

It is the greater Concern to us to Hear of Your Indisposition as it Deprives us of your Company on shore we wish you a Speedy recovery and are

SIR

Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID;
24TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
„———„———„
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 101

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 19th. & 20th. Instant and the Lapwing has Deliver'd the Provisions you Mention in the former.

The Swallow brings you this with what Madeira Wine she could take in, Some Stationary Ware, Gun Carriages & Stores, Mr. Robins Acquaints us you are in want of, the Invoice of which will be sent you Overland.

This Ship brings also such Chests of Coral and Private Silver, as the Gentlemen at your Place have Desired their Agents Here to lade on her.

By the Boats that go off to land these things, You may send on Board what Bales you have ready, But we would not have you keep her longer than is Absolutely Necessary on any Account.

Commodore Lisle Arrived here the 22^d. & Sail'd this Morning for your Place.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

26TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

Nº. 102

TO CAP^T. JOHN BELL
OF THE SWALLOW.

SIR

You are hereby Directed to make the best of you Way to Fort St. George, on your Arrival you must Deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour & Council there whose Orders are to Direct your future Proceedings Dated in FORT ST. DAVID this 26th. day of September 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT

Nº. 103

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 24th. & 25th. Ultimo, with the Several Papers & Accounts Inclosed Mr. Lisle was Sail'd from hence before the last came to hand, You must therefore Account with him for the Rice you Spared Cap^t. Knight, As also for the Provisions Mr. Lisle may Please to let us have for the Fort St.

George over and above the 10 Casks we Receiv'd by the Lapwing from Madrass, you must be carefull to send us these Accounts, As also such other Papers as are to go home by the Fort St. George between this and the 12th. Instant.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

2^D. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

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GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

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N^o. 104

TO WILLIAM LISLE ESQ^R. COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON
IN INDIA.

SIR

We have been favoured with your Letters of the 28th. & 29th. of last Month, And Agreeable to your Desire, have now sent Directions that our Storekeeper at Madrass may receive and give the Proper Receipts for Whatever Stores you may Please to put Under his Care, We shall Advise the Company Hereof And Desire them to Account with the Principal Officers And Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy for the same.

There being no Ship Here that is Bound to Madrass and the Chelingoos so small that it is Impossible for them to take in all the Stores you desire from Hence, And should we send Part, their getting to you in the time you Mention would be very Hazardous. We hope therefore you will be able to let one of your Ships call here and the Stores shall be in such readiness that she need be Detaind very little time to take them in.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

SIR

3^D. OCTOBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 105

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
& C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Mr. Lisle Having Acquainted us he is Under A Necessity of leaving Several Naval Stores belonging to His Majesty in India and Desiring also that we would Appoint some Person to receive and give Proper Receipts for the same, we would

have your Storekeeper Take Charge of them and he must be Particularly Carefull to let us have an Exact Account thereof sent up with the Papers we wrote for Yesterday to go home by the Fort St. George.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

3^d. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 106

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The last Address to your Honour & c^a. was the 14th. Ultimo by the Kent & Benjamin, which Ships Sail'd the next day, We have since been favour'd with your Letters of the 4th. 7th. 11th. and two of the 24th. and one of the 25th. August, the Lapwing Arrivd here the 18th. of last month and saild for England the 28th.

Upon Opening the Baftaes you were Pleas'd to send us on the Lisle, Eight Hundred & fifty Pieces only were found fit for Painting, One Hundred and Seventy more will require to be Washed And the remaining Four Hundred and Twenty are so much Damaged, that we must be Obliged to sell them for what they will fetch, We have Called upon the Captain to Account for this, who Acquaints us it must have Proceeded from the bad Weather he met in the Passage up, As his Ship was in very good Condition when he left the Pilot, The Sloops with the Salt Petre were in the same Storm, but Part thereof not being landed, we shall, in our next Acquaint you if there is any Dificiency, As by this Accident we are Deprived of near Half the Baftaes for Painting We must request you will send us by the Ships in January an equal Quantity to that Damaged.

The Gentlemen at Madrass have sent you on the Lancaster, Two Hundred Sixty Eight Candies Sixteen Maunds of Redwood and by the Louisa Sloop you will receive About One Hundred and fifty Candies more which with the four Hundred Seventy four Candies Eighteen Maunds and Eight Pounds sent by former Conveyances we hope will be Sufficent for the Ships you may Dispatch in January.

This Waits on you by our Honble Master's Ship Norfolk with her Charter Party And Necessary Papers as ^{is} List Inclosed On her we send you the full Produce of the Silver we receiv'd by her Amounting to Six Hundred & twenty four Thousand /624000/ Arcot Rupees as ^{is} Invoice and Bill of Lading, And not caring to detain her longer or to [e]ncrease the Company's Risque, We propose Sending you forty Chests more by the Lisle & Success Two Ships that will sail from hence in few days Which is the most we can spare from our Own Occasions.

Captain Hancock has landed here the Twenty Pipes of Madeira Allowed by the Company for himself & Officers.

Having made a more Exact Calculate of the Number of Bales we may Expect by the Middle of January, We have the Satisfaction to Acquaint your Honour & c^a. that we shall be able to furnish About Two Thousand Bales for the Dispatch of such Ships as you may send up in January, and we must repeat our request that the Tonnage you leave for such Bales may be filled up with good Rice.

We have Paid the Owners of the Don Carlos Three Thousand five Hundred Arcot Rupees for freight on the Broad Cloth sent you by her.

We shall Duely Honour the Bill you were Pleased to Draw on us in favour of Charles Floyer Esq^r. And return you thanks for your well Wishes to our Success in the Company's Affairs.

FORT ST. DAVID,

5TH. OCTOBER 1750.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL SHIP NORFOLK.

- N^o. 1 General Letter Dated the 5th. Octo^r. 1750.
- 2 Invoice of 78 Chests of Arcot Rupees Amountg. to Pag^s. 196192, 30, 23.
- 3 Bill of Lading of Do.
- 4 Invoice of Madeira Wine  Ship Norfolk.
- 5 Copy of the Norfolks Charter Party.
- 6 A Manifest of Goods & Merchandize  Ship Norfolk
- 7 Copy of the Norfolk's Victualling Bill.

FORT ST. DAVID 5TH. OCTO^R. 1750.

CH^s. BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 107

TO CAP^t. NATHANAEL HANCOCK
OF SHIP NORFOLK.

SIR

You are Hereby Ordered to repair on Board your Ship and make the best of your Way to the River of Bengall, Where on your Arrival you are to Deliver the accompanying Packet to the President And Council of FORT WILLIAM Whose Orders are to Direct your future Proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 5th. day of October 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&c^a. Council.

N^o. 108

TO WILLIAM LISLE ESQ^R. COMMODORE
& COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS BRITANNICK
MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN THE INDIES.

SIR

The Hon^{ble} Company's Interest in the Present Unsettled State of Affairs in this Province, rendering it a Duty Incumbent on us to Collect as large a Force as we Possibly can for the Preservation of it, We are therefore Induced to Trouble you at this Juncture with a Request to have your Marines left with us, Should you not have Occasion for them as we are of Opinion you will not after your Departure

from this Coast, Which we beg leave to Assure you, will be Doing an Acceptable Piece of Service to the Honble Company, And we Shall Acknowledge Ourselves greatly Obligated to You.

We are with Respect
SIR

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
5 OCTOBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 109

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Agreable to what we wrote you Yesterday by the Norfolk Duplicate of which is Inclosed, we now Consign you on the Lisle, Account the Honble Company Twenty Chests of Arcot Rupees Amounting to one Hund^d. And Sixty Thousand as Invoice and Bill of Lading Herewith.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
6TH. OCTOBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&c^A. Council.

N^o. 110

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R. PRESIDENT
& GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Having Shipped on board the Louisa Ketch the Two Hundred Candies of Redwood, we Advised your Honour &c^A. in our Letter of the 5th. Instant, We Design'd Sending you on Her, We now Inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading thereof, As also Duplicate of our last by the Ship Lisle, And are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
10TH. OCTOBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 111

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^R. PRESID^T.
& GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote you Yesterday by the Louisa Ketch on whom we Consign'd your Honour &c^a. Two Hundred Candys of Redwood and this Serves to Inclose Inv[o]ice and Bill of Lading for Twenty Chests of Rupees now sent you on the Ship Success. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
11TH. OCTOBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 112

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R. PRESIDENT
& GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

By the Severn that Arrived Here the 4th. Ultimo, We received your favour of the 7th. August, The Bullion you were Pleas'd to Consign Us by her to be Converted into Rupees for the Gentlemen in Bengall was replaced in that Specie and She sail'd the 6th. following.

The Amount of Governour Wake's Bill on Commodore Lisle for the Expences incurr'd by His Majestys Ship Ruby at your Place has been Duely Receiv'd & brought to Credit of your Presidency and the Voucher's Delivered to the Proper Officers.

We shall be carefull to Advise your Honour &c^a. of the Exchange of Bombay Rupees When We may have Occasion to Debt your Presidency in Pag^s. as you have been Pleas'd to desire.

On the 4th. Ultimo, Arrived with us our Honble Master's Ship Benjamin from England as Did the Norfolk from Madeira the 21st. Which with the Kent & London have all been Dispatched to Bengall.

Commodore Lisle in the Vigilant with His Majesty's Ship Ruby Purposing to leave us this Evening, and being bound to Your Port, We take the Opportunity of Forwarding the Packet for Your Honour &c^a. from our Honble Masters that has remain'd here so long for want of a Sea Conveyance, Also a Book of Acts of Parliament Design'd for your Use.

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last Letter to your Honour &c^a. And

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

14TH. OCTOBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
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GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
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Nº. 113

TO WILLIAM LISLE ESQ^R. COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF HIS BRITANNICK MAJESTY'S SQUADRON
IN INDIA.

SIR

We have receiv'd your favour of the 10th. & Observe what you are Pleased to write in regard to the Stores their being left under Charge of Mr. Taylor, is the same as if Mr. Walsh had the Charge of them as we have your liberty to receive the whole or any Part that we think Proper for the Company, Accounting for them with the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

We beg leave to Offer our Compliments for the Several favours we have receiv'd from you, And to Assure you of our Hearty Wishes for your Health and Successfull Passage to England.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

SIR

14TH OCTOBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Humble. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STABKE.

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GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

Nº. 114

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 28th. two of the 29th. 30th. September, 2^d. & 12th. October and have land^d. the Redwood you sent us in Four Country Boats Making in the Whole 270 Candies; Gruapa And Parey Chitty Who were Advanced Five Thousand Pagodas last Year for Redwood have Deliver'd here 900 Candys, And Acquaint us they have landed 1100 more at Madrass, if so you will Please to Advise us.

Our Hon^{ble} Masters Having thought Proper to Direct that all Incouragement Possible may be given to the Natives and the greatest Justice Shewn them that they may the readier be Induced to reside Under their Protection. We Doubt not but you will Comply therewith; And Having Also Directed us to Discourage as much as Possible that Pernicious Vice of Gaming, Which they Acquaint us has lately been too much Practice'd, We are to recommend to you to see this Part of their Commands, Strictly Executed, And on receipt Hereof to Summon, your Inhabitants And make Known to them that it is the Company's Possitive Order all such of their Servants or Officers as shall Hereafter be guilty of this Vice, shall be Suspended or Dismissed their Service, and that such others as are not therein shall meet their Proper Resentment.

We have receiv'd by the Swallow the 36 Bales with the Books and Papers you sent on her.

Mr. Taylor has sent up the List of Stores left in his Care by Mr. Lisle but we have not time at Present to look over it.

We are
GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
16TH. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDEES.
RICHARD STARKE.

„———“ „———“
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
„———“ „———“

N^o. 115

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT MARLBROUGH

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

Your Letter of the 17th. November with the Several Papers as ^{yo} List and that forwarded ^{yo} Mamoodie are receiv'd.

On the Brilliant We now send you such Wares and Stores, as we have ready as ^{yo} Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, With two CHESTS of new MILL'D DOLLARS, which we hope will remove the Difficultys You mention.

Being in want of Arrack for our Military You will after the Delivery of her Cargo give Captain Burman Orders to Proceed to Batavia, and Supply him with Money Sufficient for the Purchase of fifty Leaguers of Arrack and Timber and Plank to fill her up, With Which he is to return Directly to this Port.

Upon taking Capt. Burman's Account of Expences into Consideration, We have thought it Reasonable to Allow him them.

Sloop Cuddalore being Arriv'd with you We Suppose She will be Sufficient for the Transportation of the Pepper.

Our Honble Masters Ship Swallow is now under Dispatches, for your Place by whom we shall send you what Slaves the Capt. is able to take on board.

We have endeavour'd to Procure Lascars for your Service, but such are their Notions of Bencoolen that We have not been able to Engage one.

It was a great Pleasure to us to find you had Dispatched the Marlborough with
Tons 43, 3, 3, 16, qrs. 1b. more than her Charter Party, and with equal Concern We Observe the Havock. The Small Pox had made among the Natives and that you are Under Apprehensions of a Decrease of Pepper, How Acceptable a large Investment would be to our Honble Masters We need not tell you, We are Assur'd your best Endeavours will not be wanting, Be Carefull to have the Usual Surveys made of the Plantations, the Malays are Naturally Slothfull People, Encouragement to the Diligent and your Resentment to the Insolent will have great Weight and this we Strenuously Recommend to you.

We are Sorry to Observe you have not transmitted any Books or Accounts since the Loss of Madrass You will be Punctual in sending them by such Opportunity's as may Offer.

Our Honble Masters having thought fit to make some Regulations in regard to their Military we inclose you a Copy which you will Strictly Adhere to, as there will be vacancys for two Lieutenants We Purpose sending you two by a future Conveyance.

The Amount of the Several Certificates have been Paid to the Respective Persons.

Inclos'd is a Manifest of Private Trade on the Brilliant.

Thomas Pooll, whom you sent Hither on the Brilliant, has been brought to a Tryal for the Murder he was Accused of, but Acquitted for want of Evidence, He Acquaints us he has receiv'd no pay from the day of his first Confinement till his Arrival here the 26th. May, No. Prisoner's pay can be Stopped till he be Discharged Service And what is Due to him must therefore be remitted hither.

Inclosed is a List of Criminals we send you on this Ship with their Several Crimes Mention'd therein.

In the Letter from hence of the 5th. June last year you was Desir'd to send a Quantity of Coals on the Ships bound hither, if there are any Procurable at your Place we should be glad to receive what you can Possibly send us, Having a Large Demand for them.

We are

W^{ORSH^L}. SIR & SIRS

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
16TH. OCTOBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LICENCED BY THE HONBLE THOMAS, SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID TO BE LADEN ON
BOARD THE BRILLIANT SNOW FOR FORT MARLBROUGH VIZ^T.

Bales									
T	C	By Nicholas Morse Esqr. Consign'd to Mr. Thos. Combes.		Corns. Ps.					
No. 1	Bales 1	Long Cloth Blue	...	...	3	10	Ps. 90	—	—
2	1	Do; ...	...	...	3	10	90	—	—
3	1	Cambays Metchlepatam	...	...	3		60	—	—
		Handkerchiefs	...	...	4	10	45	—	—
		Syrashes 9 Covids	...	...	2		40	—	—
		Handkerchiefs Pulliacat	...	...	2		50	—	—
							375	—	—
R	C	By Mr. Charles Bouchier Consign'd to Mr. Roger Carter.		Corns.					
		Cambays large	...	...	3		69	—	—
No. 1 & 2	2	Do. Small	...	...	5		32	18	—
		Metchlepatam Hand ^s .	...	...	6		66	—	—
		Syrashes large	...	...	2		46	—	—
		Do. Small	...	...	5		96	9	—
		Jappys Small	...	...	19		52	9	—
		Pulliacat Handk ^s .	...	...	1		35	27	—
							397	27	—
		By Capt. Edward Burman and Officers of the Snow Brilliant.		Corns. Ps.					
E B	Bales								
No. 1	1	Allejars	...	...	6		Ps. 156	—	—
2	1	Cambays Double	...	...	8		204	—	—
3	1	Do. Singles	...	...	2		53	—	—
4	1	Handkerchiefs	...	...	10		105	—	—
5 & 6	2	Sundry Mad ^s .							
		Goods	...	...			470	—	—
		Carried over	..	..			988	—	—
							772	27	—

		Brought over	..	..	988	772	27	—
Nº. EB. 1 & 2	SA	2 Sallampores ..	..	..	6	150	—	—
Nº. 3. 4. 5	L.C.B.	3 Long Cloth Blue half Pieces.	12			300	—	—
Nº. 6. 7. 8	3 Dº. Dº.	..	..	12		270	—	—
Nº. 1 @ 6	6 Dº. Dº.	..	..	24		696	—	—
L.C.W	10 Long Cloth White Chests	..	15			687	18	—
	^{Chests} 3 Opium	..	..	..		337	18	—
						3429 — —		
38 Bales and Chests Amounting to Pagodas						..	..	4201 27 —

FORT ST. DAVID 16TH. OCTOBER 1750.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secry.

LIST OF PRISONERS SENT ON BOARD THE BRILLIANT SNOW TO
FORT MARLBROUGH VIZ^T.

Michael Mº. Ghee	Desertion
John Lowe	Beastiallity
Henry Osborne	Corresponding with the French
William Lawrence	Desertion
&	Domingo & Rustrum
Two Blacks	
	for Theft.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBROUGH & SNOW BRILLIANT.

- Nº. 1. General Letter Dated the 16th. October 1750
2. Invoice of the Brilliant Snow's Cargo
3. Bills of Lading of Ditto
4. Manifest of Private Trade licenced & Brilliant
5. List of Prisoners & Brilliant
6. Copy of the Regulations for the Military at Fort St. David
7. Copy of an Abstract of Pay for a Company

FORT ST. DAVID, 16TH. OCTOBER 1750.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secry.

Nº. 116

TO CAP^T. EDWARD BURMAN
OF THE BRILLIANT SNOW.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Vessell and make the best of Your Way to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra Where on your Arrival You are to Deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Worshipfull Joseph Hurlock Esq^r. Deputy Governour &c^a. Council there and follow all such Orders as you shall receive from them for your future Proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 16th. day of October 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N°. 117

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQ^R.

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORS^H^LL. SIR & SIRs

Inclos'd is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Brilliant.

This goes by our HON^BLE Masters Ship Swallow by her you will receive 160 Slaves the Invoice of the Cost and Charges on them shall be sent you by a future Conveyance.

As this Vessell is to be Dispatched home in Jan^{ry}. You must be Expeditious as Possible in returning her to us.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

WORS^H^LL. SIR & SIRs

17TH. OCTOBER 1750.

Your affectionate friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&c^A. Council.

This Ship Carrys you two Prisoners as ³/₄.
List Inclos'd.

LIST OF PRISONERS SENT TO FORT MARLBROUGH ³/₄ SHIP SWALLOW VIZ^T.

Michael Carty.
James Carr

Desersion
Mutiny

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LICENCED BY THE HON^BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID TO BE LADEN ON
BOARD THE SHIP SWALLOW FOR FORT MARLBROUGH VIZ^T.

Bales.									
I B BY CAPT. JOHN BELL AND OFFICERS OF THE SHIP Swallow Vizt.									
				Cor ^s . Ps.		Ps.			
No. 1	@	5	5	LONG CLOTH BLUE half	Pieces	...	20	600	— —
		6	1	Jappies large	...	...	30	150	— —
7 & 8		2		Bettelas Blue	...	...	10	170	— —
		9	1	Sallempores Do.	...	...	4	100	— —
		10	1	Moores Do. 1 st . Sort	...	...	8	192	— —
		11	1	Handkerchiefs Do.	...	...	7	94	18 —
		12	1	{ Bettelas	...	...	4	104	— —
					{ Jappies Small	...	...	20	60
		13	1	Moores Blue 2 ^d . Sort	...	...	8	144	— —
		14	1	Pullicat Ginghams	...	...	10	170	— —
		15	1	Metchlepatam Handk ^s :	...	...	20	210	— —
		16	1	Musters	...	...		18	32 12
								2013	14 12
16 Bales				Amounting to Pagodas				...	...
								2013	14 12

FORT ST. DAVID, 17TH. OCTOBER 1750.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N°. 118

TO CAPT. JOHN BELL
OF SHIP SWALLOW.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way for Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra, Where on your Arrival you are to Deliver the Accompanying Packet Directed to the Worship^l. Joseph Hurluck Esq^r. &c^a. Council there and to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from them for your future Proceedings Dated in Fort St. David this 17th. day of October 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&c^a. Council.

N°. 119

TO ROBERT GOODERE ESQ^r. CHIEF
&C^a. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have before us your Letters of the 24th. July 29th. August, 2^d. 10th. & 12th. Ultimo, and have Received Your Several Papers and Accounts.

Mr. Saunders Arrived here the 18th. Ultimo And Inform'd us he had Ordered Mr. Goodere to your Settlement whom we have since Appointed Chief and Depend on his Particular Care of Affairs under his Direction.

By the Success we received Four Hundred Sixty two Bales of Callicoës of which, when Sorted, we shall send You the Account.

We hope the London by whom we Sent you a Supply of Rupees has Arrived with you The Difficulty we Labour Under for want of Gold Puts it out of our Power to send you any Madrass Pagodas, but we hope early in January to Supply you largely.

Expecting two Ships from Bengall to be filled up here in January, We Rely on your best Endeavours to send us a large Quantity of Cloth by a Proper Conveyance in December, And Should Mr. Churchey at Ingeram be in Want of One for His Bales, You will Order your Vessell there for them.

Having Sufficient Tonnage for the West Coast, We have given Over our Intention of Building the Ship at your Place. As we are Inform'd John Heriot is an Industrious Capable Man, we would have him Employed in Overseeing all your Carpenters & Smith's Works till our further Orders.

Be Carefull to send us up Your Books in Time, What have been sent here since the Loss of Madrass have all been Transmitted to England, therefore You must send us Copy of.

Your Journal & Ledger Ending 1746
Do. 1747
Do. 1748. that we may make the Proper Adjustments And don't forget Your Extracts of Quick Stock.

You will make the Adjustments in your Military Regulations Agreeable to the Account you transmitted us and for your Direction in those Affairs, you will Strictly Adhere to the Regulations sent you in April 1749.

Inclosed is Copy of the 32^d. Para^s. of our Hon^{ble} Masters Letter of the 12th. January last in Regard to Gaming; You must Discourage this Vice, as you may be Assured the Highest Resentment Will be shewed to those Who are guilty of it.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for Sundries Sent you on this Vessel with our Letter to Mr. Churchey at Ingeram to Accompany a Box Containing (5000) Five Thousand Madrass Pagodas, which you must forward to him, As if he should Desire a further Sum in Rupees we would have you Supply him.

FORT ST. DAVID,
20TH. OCTOBER 1750.

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE FIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 120

TO MR. JOHN CHURCHEY
PROVISIONAL RESIDENT
AT INGERAM.

SIR

Mr. Goodere's Letter of the 29th. August and 9th. Ultimo are come to Hand.

By the Phoenix and Suncrapollam Boat We receiv'd three Hundred and Ninety Bales of Callicoos, When the Browne are Wash'd and Sorted we shall send you the Account.

Mr. Saunders Inform'd us he had Ordered you to Ingeram we Rely on your Prudent Management of the Company's Affairs, till we Settle that Appointment.

By the London we sent you Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine Madrass Pagodas and by the Phoenix you will now receive Five Thousand, We wish it was in our Power to Supply you more largely but the great Scarcity of Gold puts us to difficulties even in Paying our Garrison. If Rupees will be any way Servicable, We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to Supply You.

As we shall have two Ships from Bengall to fill up in January We reply on your Exerting yourself in the Investment and sending us in December by a good Conveyance a large Quantity of Cloth and in this if you are not Provided you will Concert Measures with the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam.

You will be carefull to send your Books up in time, with the Extract of Quick Stock; All those sent from your Factory since April 1745 have been sent home therefore as soon as you can transmit us.

Journal and Ledger Ending 1746.		
D ^o .	D ^o .	1747.
D ^o .	D ^o .	1748.
D ^o .	D ^o .	1749.
D ^o .	D ^o .	1750.

Inclosed is Copy of our Hoñble Masters 32^d. Para in regard to gaming, Which you will Particularly Observe, as we shall Shew our Highest Resentment to any one that Transgresses.

We are
SIR

FORT ST. DAVID,
20TH. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE FIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 121.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Severals with the Accompanying Papers.

We are Sorry to Observe the Rough Treatment you have receiv'd from the Government tis Impossible we can put up with such Affronts and Losses, and it would be Imprudent to Maintain a Factory at a Dead Expence, We have by our Vackeel represented these Grievances to Nazir Jing and are Determined if we have not a Satisfaction suitable to the Injuries receiv'd and a Phirmaund to secure us from the like in future to withdraw the Factory. You will therefore Collect in your Ballances and if you can get any Cloth for ready Money do.

Our Honble Masters have wrote us to send them a Particular Account of what Money may have been forced from you and whether any has been since recover'd, such Accounts you will not fail to send us by the first Opportunity.

Inclosed come Account Sortment of Cloth and Account Current with your Factory you must be Punctual in Sending your Books and Extracts of Quick Stock up in time to go home by the January ships upon Enquiring for the Books of your Place, We don't find one, therefore send us as soon as Possible Copys of those Ending 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, that we may make the Proper Adjustments.

What Cloth you may be able to get send up early in December.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

SIR

29TH. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 122

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received yours of the 22^d. Instant to which we shall now reply, as well as to such other Parts of your Letters now before us Unanswered.

Being Sensible the Preservations of the Fort at Pullamalee is of the Utmost Consequence to our Honble Masters Affairs we would have you as soon as Conveniently may be send thither such Guns as you can Spare and Judge Necessary for its Defence.

Having Transmitted to England the List of Stores belonging to his Majesty which Mr. Lisle left at this Place and Madrass, We would have you Apply to Mr. Taylor for another that we may Acquaint him what Part thereof we think Proper for the Company's Use.

You will receive the Eleven Hundred Candys of Redwood landed by Gruapah and Parey Chitty and Acquaint us what further quantity you have on Hand.

For want of your Calculate of Quick Stock we have been able to send a very Imperfect one Home, and what our Honble Masters will have reason to be but little Pleased with Directions to all the Subordinates have been so frequently given in regard Hereto, that we are Surprized you could Neglect sendg. yours, and the more

so as by Turning to the Letter from hence of the 29th. January we find the late Pres^t. transmitted to the Deputy Governour Copy of the Companys Commands & Lapwing wherein there are very Particular Directions to this Head.

Mr. Thomas Cooke will set out from hence Shortly whom we have Appointed Second of Council at your Place, His Salary has been paid here to the 25th. Ultimo as will his other Allowances to the last of this Month.

You must Credit us Fifteen Thousand Pagodas for the following Sums Advanced your Merchants here in December and January last Viz^t.

Tellasinga Chitty &c ^a :	...	...	...	...	Paga ^s .	5000
Sunca Vencaty Ramah &c ^a :	...	...	...	...		5000
Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah &c ^a :	...	...	...	...		5000
PAGODAS						... 15000

Being in great want of Coals we would have you send us by the return of a Chelinga now going to your Place as many Chaldrons as She can take in also a Bale of Super Fine and Another of Fine Scarlett Broad Cloth.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

31ST. OCTOBER 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 123

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We wrote you last by his Majesty's Ship Vigilant under Date the 14th. Ultimo of which Duplicate is Inclos'd We have now only to Advise of the Dispatch of the Fort St. George for England the 24th. Ultimo, And to request your Honour &c^a. will be Pleas'd to forward the Inclosed Packet to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors by the first Opportunity Overland.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

3^D. NOVEMBER 1750.

Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 124

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R. CHIEF
&C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last of the 17th. July Duplicate, whereof is Inclos'd we have been favour'd with none from you.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships London, Kent, Benjamin and Norfolk have all Arriv'd here from England and Since been Dispatched to the Bay, as was the Grantham the 26th. July for China.

We are Concernd to Acquaint you with the Melancholly Accident that has Happen'd to our Hoñble Masters Ship Lynn of running ashore, on a sand in going up Bengall River, Her Treasure was all saved and Part of her Broad Cloth tho: Damaged.

The Fort St. George saild from hence for England the 26th. Ultimo.

We are to desire your care in forwarding the Inclos'd for the President and Council of Bombay by the first Opportunity—and are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
3^d. NOVEMBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 125

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have Permitted Six Boats to return to your Place, and you will send us Six others in their Stead.

On them we have laden 14 Bales Contg. 86 Corge of Baftaes, which are to be Deliver'd to Tonnepah Chitty &c^a. Painters with.

Moorees 100. Corge.

Lampasses 10.

Syrashes 10.

We have Paid them the Ballance of their Account being Pagodas 491 10 38.,
and Advanced them more for Painting 4000 — —

4491 10 38

which Sum you must Credit us for.

In your next Advise us what may have been Collected on Account St. Thome &c^a. Villages.

We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,
3^d. NOVEMBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N°. 126

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Two of the Boats Dispatched to you a few days Past with some Jugdea Baftaes and a General Letter Having Return'd Agreeable to the Orders of the Hon^{ble} President & Council, I now forward you Inclosed the latter by Peons Overland And am

FORT ST. DAVID,

13TH. NOVEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN,

Your most Humble Servant

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N°. 127

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receivd your Letters of the 7th. 15th. & 19th. Instant with the Accompanying Papers.

Having come to a Resolution to regulate the Train you will Order Lieutenant Hocket to Proceed here as soon as he Conveniently can.

The Several House Necessarys Purchased on Account the Squadron You will bring to Account under that Head.

We Would have your Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper take an Account Remains of the Severals under their Charge inspecting the same and Distinguishing what may be unfit for use, that the Proper Indents may be made and what Appears Useless be Dispos'd of, likewis[e] the House Necessarys at your Place.

Two of the Mussoolas on which we sent you the Baftaes are return'd with forty Corge & five Pieces, Don't forget to send us Six or Eight Boats in the Room of these that we may be able to give Proper Dispatches to the Ships in January.

We must recommend to you to get as much of your Cloth cur'd as Possible, We Suppose, the Gentlemen at the Bay will order a Ship to touch at your Place on whom you will send what Bales have on Hand.

You will Deliver to Linga Chitty's Gomashtah, One Hundred Bales of Broad Cloth and Reserve for him the Remainder, Excepting such as may be Wanted for Expences.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

27TH. NOVEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate friends & Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^o. 128

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We Observe what you write us in your Letter of the 27th. Ultimo Concerning St. Thome the Sum collected for the last year seems to be but small, we Imagine that it Might be let out to Responsible Persons in the same Manner as the Other Villages for 5 Years on much better terms And as we Conclude that a Number of Inhabitants and Merchants must have resorted to Your Place since it was restored 'tis our Intention that the other Branches of your Revenues may be let Also, We would therefore have you enquire what you can get for them for one year and Advise us of it before you grant them.

You will Deliver to Tonapah Chitty &c^a. Painters the Syrases and Lampasses brought in by Linga Chitty and Tremungalom Comrapah and when finished receive them in your Warehouse.

As Mr. Robbins intends Shortly to Visit your Settlement, we would have no further Repair be Made to Poonamalee Fort than is Immediately Necessary.

Send us as soon as Possible—

Mint Account ending April 1745.

Export Warehousekeepers D^o.

Import D^o.

Paymasters D^o.

Sea Customers D^o.

Land Customers D^o.

And Storekeepers.

As the Casualtys of Warr and Shipping may render Supplys of Grain Precarious by Sea Please to inform Yourselves what Quantity of Grain St. Thome and other Villages under your Districts would Afford you in case of Necessity.

The Month of January being a Proper time for disposing of the Copper let it be Put up at Public Outcry giving a Month Notice it must be sold for Prompt Payments as we are Apprehensive our Occasions will require it.

'After Having wrote the foregoing Arrivd here Yesterday the Mussoolah with your Letter of the 3^d. Instant Inclosing Invoice, and Bill of Lading for the Scarlet Cloth by her.

We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID,

7TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 129

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

By Advices Received last Night from the Camp We are Informed that Nazir-Jing has been Cut off by the Condamore Nabob 'tis Supposed that Shaw Nabtz Cawn and Mora Pundet Who were in the French Interest were the Persons Who Managed this Affair as the French with about two Thousand Seapoys Entered the

Rear of the Army at the time Pitched upon for the Execution of the Plot, it is said Nazir Jings Brother, Mahomud Ally and the Moratta General with some troops have taken the Rout[e] of Arcot And that Erat Mahooden Cawn is Declared Prince of the Empire and has receiv'd Homage from the Several Commanders in the Army, this is what is come to our Knowledge which we Advise you of that You may take the Necessary Caution.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

7TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 130

TO MESS^{RS}. JOSEPH FOWKE

&

SAMUEL GREENHAUGH

CHURCH WARDENS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

AT MADRASS.

GENTLEMEN

The Honble President and Council Having receiv'd your Letter to them of the 29th. Ultimo have Directed me to Acquaint You they will by the next Opportunity Advise the Honble Company of what you have Mentioned regarding the Debt Due from M^r. Samuel Harrison to the Church Stock. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble. Servant

FORT ST. DAVID,

7TH. DECEMBER 1750.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 131

TO M^R. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

SIR

The Honble President and Council Having received your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo By their Orders I am now to Acquaint You that your Request to lay Down the Honble Company's Service is Complied with.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

9TH. DECEMBER 1750.

SIR

Your most Humble Servant

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 132

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 8th. Instant by a Cattamaran Did not reach us till the 16th.

You have Acted very Right in sending a Reinforcement to Poonamalee And we would have you Make the Necessary repair to the Fort; As we are come to a Resolution to support our title to that Place and St. Thome you will therefore take the Necessary Steps there to St. Thome We have farmed to Linga Chitty and Subramoney for Pagodas 4000, $\frac{1}{2}$ Añin: and you will Order a Proper Person to Collect the Rents of Poonamalee.

Send us the Returns of your Military Stores, Advise us What you may have Occasion for that we may send them by the first Opportunity.

By our Spies we learn Mustaphir Jing with Chunda Saheb, And Nazir Jings Brothers are Arrived at Pondicherry with Nazir Jings Treasure, the Better Part of the Army lying at Waldoar tis said they soon Design for the Southward Mahomud Allee is safe at Tritchenopolly. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

17TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY:
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 133

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday came to Hand your Letter of the 14th. Instant.

As we Hear the Britannia Cap^t. Somner is Arrived with you from Bombay with a Consignment of Treasure on board for Fort William and having Occasion for twenty Chests We have Ordered Cap^t. Sonner to Deliver them to you which you will therefore give him a Receipt for and send them us by the first good Sea Conveyance.

And Judging it Highly Necessary Lieut^t. Hocket should Continue with you in the Present Situation of Affairs, We therefore now Contermund [*sic*] the Orders We gave the 27th. Ultimo for his Coming Hither, We have Appointed him a Cap^t. Lieutenant of the train for which shall send him a Commission in a few Days.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

21ST. DECEMBER 1750.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N°. 134

To CAPT. JOHN SOMNER
OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

Having Information of your Arrival at Fort St. George and that you have a large Consignment of Treasure on Board for Bengall, As we are in Want of 20 Chests for our Honble Masters Service here, You are Hereby Ordered to Deliver them to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. George, Whose Receipt for the same will be a Sufficient Indemnification for your Compliance Herewith. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 21st. day of December 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.

N°. 135

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

As there is no Mention in any of the Letters receiv'd from you since the 27th. of last Month of the Receipt of one from the Honble President and Council to you of that Date, they have therefore Directed me to Inclose you a Duplicate of it and to Acquaint you that for the future in all your Letters they would have you Acknowledge the Receipt of the last from Hence.

They would likewise have the Reasons of the Importers of Coral for Refusing Paying Customs as Usual, Demanded of them, and transmitted Hither, When they will give Proper directions in that Particular.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID,

22^d. DECEMBER 1750.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servant

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Sec^{ry}.

N°. 136

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^r.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We Have receiv'd your Letter of the 17th. with the several Books and Papers that Accompanied it by the Mussoolah.

As we have Commenced Paying Our Military and Servants in Pagodas, We would have you do the same and in Order to Procure, What may be Necessary for this Purpose What wares and Stores You Dispose of must be Paid for in Pagodas.

We are Sorry to Observe by Your Cloth on Hand, that your Investment goes on so Slowly and therefore must recommend to you, to use Your best Endeavours with the Merchants to Exert themselves, As the Dispatch of the Shippes to Europe Draws near. What Bales You have ready, You must send us by the Europe Shippes Expected from the Bay should they touch at your Port.

We think it Highly Necessary to fix the Customs Again on Grain, Imported by Sea, And would therefore Have You Commence levying them Immediately giving Proper Notice thereof.

Having Occasion for some Horse furniture, Send us Down by the first good Conveyance what You may have more than is Necessary for your Troop.

In the Present Unsettled State of the Province we think it Probable that you will be Applied to by some Persons of Distinction for Protection in which case we would have you gratifye them, & behave to them with Civility.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN.

24TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your Affect. friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 137

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^R.

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & CA. COUNCIL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have to Acknowledge the Receipt of your last Letter of the 24th. Instant, and now inclose you a Copy of the Cowle We have granted to the farmers of St. Thome, wherein You will find the Sea Customs not included nor such Part of the Land Customs as may Prove Detrimental to that Branch of our Hon^{ble} Masters Revenues at your Place Which we Look upon as Advantagious Terms, As the Yearly rent is Pagodas 4000 and you only collected 2106.

The Stores You are in want of which You have Mark'd as Procurable with You, We would have Purchasd on Reasonable Terms and the Remainder shall be sent You by the first good Opportunity.

We would Likewise have the Paddy Produced in the Several Villages Mentiond in your Letter, bought on the Hon^{ble} Company's Account if to be Had at a Moderate Price.

We Learn that the Gratuity formerly given to the Person here that Officiated in the Room of a Chaplain was five Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Month, which you will therefore Allow Mr. Wilson.

As Linga Chitty is Desirous of Having His fine Goods Down here, We would have them sent by the first good Opportunity, And You must be Carefull to Transmit us early your Books and Papers for England.

We had wrote the foregoing, when Arrived your Letter of the 26th. Instant, With Regard to Coining the Britannias Bullion, As soon as we Receiv'd Advice of her Arrival which we were much Surprized You did not Communicate to us, We had some thoughts of Replacing it with Rup^s. being very well convinced of the Advantage it would be to our Hon^{ble} Masters, But as Cap^t. Somner Already lays under a Protest for His Dilatory Behaviour at Surat and there Have been Instances of Shipps getting to Bengall at this Season in time to be Dispatched Home, We were

therefore Unwilling to Order her Hither Least Cap^t. Somner Should urge, We had thereby Occasiond His Losing His Passage to the Bay and for the same Reason think it Improper to do it now.

FORT ST. DAVID,

29th. DECEMBER 1750.

We are

GENTLEMEN.

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

RICHARD STARKE.

HENRY POWNEY.

GEORGE PIGOT.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

ALEX^r. WYNCH.

N^o. 138

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL

OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs.

The Gentlemen at Bombay Having Advised us they Had Consign'd you on the Warren and Britannia a very Considerable Sum in Silver, And this last Ship touching at Madrass we took the Liberty to land Twenty Chests as our Occasions are very great, Your Honour & c^a. shall However have this Sum Remitted you out of the first Supply we receive.

The 5th. Instant about two in the Morning the French Having Alarm'd the Rear of Nazir Jing's Army, the Nabobs of Cuddapa and Condanore under Pretence of Asking Orders went to Nazir Jing's Tent, Who had no Sooner Mounted His Elephant they shot him And Severing His Head from His Body Put it on a Spear and Exposed it to the whole Army. Mustapha Jing was Directly Proclaimed in His Stead, His Colours Planted throughout the whole Camp and Homage Paid Him by several Great Men, He Has since Chundasaib his Duan and Nabob of Arcot, This Conspiracy its said was carried on by His Chief Minister Shaw Navetz Cawn in Conjunction with the French by whom Mustapha Jing has been since receiv'd with the greatest Pomp at Pondicherry where was carried Nazir Jings Brothers Prisoners, And his Treasure and Jewells Amounting it is said to 75 Lack of Rupees a quarter Part of which the French have Had for their Share The Army still continues Encamped near Pondicherry, but we cannot Yet learn for certain what their further intentions are, Mahomud Ally Cawn who was Appointed Nabob of Arcot by Nazir Jing has taken refuge in Trichanopoly And Having Applied to us for our Assistance we have sent him a Detachment of Men.

We had thoughts of recommending to Cap^t. Somner to come up Hither in Order to have exchanged His Silver into Rupees, but considering that he Already lays under a Protest for Delaying His time and being an Instance in 1745. of a Ship Arriving with you in time to go Home which saild so late as the 5th. January, We did not care to Detain Him. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

29th. DECEMBER 1750.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs.

Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servant

THOMAS SAUNDERS

& c^a. Council.

N^o. 139

TO ROBERT GOODERE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. COUNCIL
OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

It gave Us great Pleasure to Observe by your Letters of the 30th. October and 4th. Ultimo, Which we have Receiv'd that the Gentlemen in Bengall Had been so expeditious in forwarding You the Supply of Treasure We sent by the London though were some what Surprized at your Detention of that Part Design'd for Ingeram so Contrary to the express Orders of the President when he left Vizagapatam and likewise at Mr. Churchey's not Proceeding thither, As he was directed to take charge of our Honble Masters Affairs at that Factory, Which Having Put an entire Stop to the Investment there, that we are well Assured would have turn'd out Successfull, the Weavers by the Inactivity of the French and Dutch Having Considerable Quantities of Cloth on Hand ready to Deliver to a Person Appointed by Us to take Charge of it, We therefore cannot Help Expressing our entire Disapprobation of a Behaviour that is likely to turn out, so Disadvantagious to our Masters Interest And Assuring You that should we Observe any thing of the Like Nature in future We shall not fail to Shew our Highest Resentment.

The Vessell that brings up your Bales must be Ordered to call at Ingeram to take in the White Bales that are there, And as Mr. Baird will Doubtless have Occasion for Money to Defray the Expences of the Factory, You must send him what may be Necessary for that Purpose.

There has been A great Change of Affairs in this Province within this Month Nazir Jing being Cut off Mustapah Jing has Assumed his Station and Titles but till there are Advices from Court it is Impossible to Judge Whether they will be continued to him.

FORT ST. DAVID,
29th. DECEMBER 1750.

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 140

TO MR. ALEXANDER BAIRD.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 20th. October and are glad to hear that the Country about you is in Peace.

We have Directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to Order the Vessell that brings up their Bales to call on you for the White Bales at your Place, which you must therefore Ship on board Her, And they will likewise send you a Supply of Cash for the Expences of your Factory.

FORT ST. DAVID,
29th. DECEMBER 1750.

We are
SIR,

Your Affectionat[e] Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

N^o. 141

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your Honour & c^{as}. Favour of the 2^d. October came to Hand the 29th. Ultimo with Copy of your Account^{ts}. Remarks List of Adjustments and Account Current which shall be settled and Transmitted you in few days.

By first Opportunity that Offers Please to send Us the 600 Barrells of Gunpowder that are ready the other 900 will be very Acceptable Whenever it suits your Convenience.

Captain Taylor has been Acquainted with the Company's Orders in regard to him Which they were Pleased to Signifye to us in their Gen^l. Letter of the 22^d. March ¶ Benjamin.

The late Arrival of the Britannia will we Imagine Endanger Her Passage to the Bay the last Letters from thence of the 15th. October Mention the Arrival of the Severn, London, Kent, And Benjamin We have not yet Heard what Ships they Design to send up the Coast, should any thing Material Occur in Regard to the Tonnage on your Side, Wherein we can be of Service Please to Advise Us.

The President begs leave to Assure You How Sincerely Sensible he is of your Kind Wishes.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last of the 3^d. November.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

6TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^r. WYNCH.

P.S.

With this comes a Packet
for Commodore Lisle.

N^o. 142

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We were on the Point of Dispatching a Pattamar with the Annexed to Tellicherry to be forwarded to You from thence, When was brought us News of Nazir Jings being cut off, We therefore Determin'd to Detain it, till we could learn How it was Perpetrated and what Turn Affairs Might take, Which from the best Information We find as follows, That on the 5th. Instant About two in the Morning the French Having Alarmd the Rear of the Army. The Nabobs of Cuddapa & Condanore Under a Pretence of Asking Orders went to Nazir Jing's Tent, Who Immediately Mounted His Elephant when He was Shot by the said Nabobs & His Head Severd from His Body and Exposd on a Spear to the View of the Whole Army, Upon which Mustapha Jing was Directly Proclaim'd in His Stead, His Colours Planted throughout the Camp & Homage Paid Him by the Several Great Men, And He Has since Made Chenda Saib His Duan and Nabob of Arcot, This Conspiracy its said was carried on by His Chief Minister Shaw Natz Cawn in Coniunction with the French, By Whom Mustapha Jing has been since receivd with the greatest Pomp at Pondicherry And the

whole Army continues near that Place, Nazir Jing's Brothers were Carried with them Prisoners, And all His Treasures Amounting as is reported to About Seventy five Lacks of Rupees are at Present in the Town, We cannot yet from any Judgment of which way they Intend Proceeding Tho: we learn from Common Report they Design to March towards Tanjore to reduce that Kingdom, & Trechenopoly where Mahomud Ally Cawn, Appointed Nabob of Arcot by Nazir Jing has taken refuge, And we have sent him a Detachment of Men we are in Hopes that when the News of this Revolution reaches Court, there will be Proper Measures taken for Chastising the Authors and Reducing the Province to a State of Tranquility.

On the 16th. Instant the Britannia fell in with Madrass, not Having been able to gain Her Passage to the Bay, out of which Ship, As we were in Want of Treasure, Having sent a larger Supply to Bengall than we find We could well spare, We have taken Twenty Chests.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

30TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH

N^o. 143

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R. CHIEF.
&CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

This is to Request You will forward the Accompanying Packet to Bombay.

Letters from Bengall of the 15th. October Advise of the safe Arrival of our Hon^{ble} Masters Shippes, Severn, London, Kent and Benjamin.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,

GENTLEMEN

30TH. DECEMBER 1750.

Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
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